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MAY DAY TAME

COMMUNISTS QUIET IN FRANCE.

MOSCOW PARADE

CLASH WITH POLICE IN LIEGE.

Moscow, Yesterday. Eight hundred and fifty people participated in a May Day demonstration here, M. Voroshilov, the Commissar of War and Marine, taking the salute in Red Square.

Continent Quiet.

Paris, Yesterday. Two hundred and twenty-three arrests were made here for picketing in connection with the usual May Day strikes, also the distribution of revolutionary leaflets, but the day was one of the quietest known. The City wore a holiday aspect. The arrests included that of the Communist Deputy, Doriot, and the Mayor and seven Municipal Councilors of St. Denis. No serious incidents occurred in the provinces, where strikers were fewer than usual.

Sofia, Warsaw and Berlin report that everything was quiet. Communist demonstrators at the Lustgarten, Berlin, numbered 50,000.

Liege, Yesterday. A number of Communists were injured in a scuffle with the police, who prevented the Communists marching to prison with the intention of releasing a comrade. — Reuter.

"To Hell With Whalen."

New York, Later. Ten thousand people, supposed to be Communists, staged a rally in Union Square after the square had been vacated by 15,000 ex-service men. The police ignored "Red" speeches. Police Commissioner Whalen attributed the orderliness of the proceedings to the precautions taken. He drove through Union Square and was greeted by shouts of "To Hell with Whalen" and the singing of the Internationale, but he merely grinned and drove away. — Reuters' American Service.

Generally Peaceful.

London, Yesterday. May Day was generally very peaceful, but many arrests of Communists were made, particularly in Paris, where 839, including 96 foreigners were taken in custody, and at Riga, where 200 were arrested in attempting to defy the police ban on demonstrations. The few places where disturbances occurred included Vienna, where 25 Communists were arrested after a conflict with the police, who used rubber truncheons effectively. A number of police was injured in a scuffle with Communists at Bratislava, and a score of Communists were arrested at Moravia after conflicts with the police. — Reuter.

New York, Yesterday. May Day was peaceful, although "Reds" demonstrated in New York and other large cities without disorder. Forty arrests were made in New York. — Reuters' American Service.

Aliens Expelled.

Paris, Later. All those arrested in connection with the May Day demonstrations, except 31, have been released. Seventy foreigners are being expelled from France. — Reuter.

Far East Situation.

Shanghai, Yesterday. With all the police mobilized and special police and volunteers standing by, the authorities took most stringent precautions against any possible disturbances with the result that Labour Day is passing off quietly. The only trouble up to three o'clock in the afternoon was a minor demonstration in Nanking Road, when seven arrests were made. — Reuter.

Peking, Yesterday. Labour Day has hitherto passed off very quietly, with no sign of demonstrations or disturbances.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Over 50,000 people participated in Japanese Labour observances on May Day, which were generally orderly, in spite of the fact that hundreds of arrests and temporary detentions were made. A claim at Kawasaki, a Tokyo suburb, in which two policemen

NEED OF A BATHE.

Spoiled by a Water Works Inspector.

DON'T WASH CLOTHES!

Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Inspector of Water Works, to-day charged a Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindell with washing a coat and a towel in the water of the new reservoir dam on the site of the old paper mills at Aberdeen.

Mr. Tacchi stated that he found the accused and another man standing in the water which reached to just above their waists. Accused was doing the washing, without soap.

Mr. Tacchi gave as his opinion that accused had gone in to bathe and subsequently decided to wash his clothing. He called the two men out of the water when he seized accused, but the other man got away. On the bank were two baskets, one containing some twigs and the other empty. Accused put his wet coat and towel in the empty basket.

Accused said that his coat was blown into the water from the end of his bamboo pole and he went in after it.

Asked about the towel, he said that he always carried it over his shoulder as a sweat cloth and it was thrown over his shoulder when he went in. He did not bathe in the water or do his washing there.

The Magistrate asked what the other man was doing in the water, and accused replied: "He was there, standing beside me, but I don't know him."

A fine of \$10 or ten days' hard labour was imposed.

AN UGLY INCIDENT.

Attack On Japanese Consulate.

Harbin, To-day.

A mob of Chinese and Korean Radicals attacked the Japanese Consulate General last night, throwing stones, and smashing windows and damaging the furniture. There were no casualties, but the Chinese police arrested 32 persons. — Reuter.

ous disorder. In Tokyo 15,000 paraded the length of the capital, closely shepherded by 6,500 police, while Osaka, the industrial centre of the Empire, witnessed a parade of 30,000. There were smaller demonstrations in other cities.

Large groups of women paraded, among them being 1,500 at Osaka and 1,000 at Tokyo.

The features of the Tokyo parade were colourful banners and red flags. The women chorused Labour songs in the presence of the police, who marched in groups between bodies of demonstrators.

Besides 200 precautionary arrests early this morning, about 100 were arrested in Tokyo during the day. Extra police were maintained at public buildings all day long. — Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

Hunger marchers, including a contingent of women, from Lancashire, who have been tramping to London from unemployment areas, joined the usual "Red" May Day march to Hyde Park.

Very stringent police measures are indicated in other parts of the world.

A Sydney message says police broke up a small demonstration, with seventeen arrests.

It is reported from Paris that very strict police measures are being taken.

New York reports that 13,300 police are on duty. "Reds" there expect a hundred thousand sympathisers to attend a meeting in Union Square this afternoon.

The meeting has been allowed on condition that it is held a full hour after a celebration arranged by ten thousand war veterans and patriotic bodies. — Reuter.

ARRESTS IN COLONY.

Yam Attempts to Distribute Literature.

The Chinese who were arrested on the roof of the Melchior Hotel where he was, showing Communist literature into the street

JAPANESE PRINCE ARRIVES.

INFORMAL WELCOME TO THE COLONY.

DIGNITY AND RESTRAINT.

Members of the local Japanese community gathered at Queen's Pier this morning to give a welcome to T. I. H. Prince and Princess Takamatsu, who arrived here on their way to Europe aboard the a.s. Kashima Maru.

The reception which, at the Prince's own request, was entirely informal, was nevertheless picturesque in the extreme, many Japanese ladies in their national costume being amongst the crowd of loyal subjects who came to welcome His Imperial Highness.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, attended by his A.D.C., greeted the Prince at the pier, His Excellency having paid a call upon the distinguished visitor shortly after the arrival of the liner.

The Prince and Princess, on landing from the N.Y.K. launch, which was gallantly decorated for the occasion, after the official welcome by His Excellency, left in cars, Their Imperial Highnesses later being the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Japanese Consul and Mrs. Yoshida.

The Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southern will give a dinner in honour of Their Imperial Highnesses this evening at Government House.

"NO CHANCE."

Judge's Consideration to Debtor.

QUESTION OF COSTS.

Great consideration was shown by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood in the Summary Court this morning to a Chinese debtor, who signed a promissory note for \$50, which fell due on April 20, the writ against him being issued five days later.

The plaintiff was Ip Kwai and the defendant was Siu Fong. Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the former.

The case for the plaintiff was that the defendant had borrowed \$50, against which he signed a note promising to liquidate the whole amount by April 20. He failed to do so, and the writ was issued against him five days later.

Defendant did not deny the debt, but told his Lordship that no demand had been made to him for repayment.

Mr. Lo admitted that his firm had never been instructed to demand payment, but he thought that the plaintiff himself made that request.

In giving judgment against defendant for the amount claimed, his Lordship said that he was not sure as to the question of awarding costs. It seemed to him that the defendant had not been given a chance to avoid the action. Had a demand been made, he might either borrow the money or do something to avoid the action, thus saving himself from paying costs.

Mr. Lo said that the matter was a small one and he did not wish to be hard on the defendant. He would leave the matter entirely in his Lordship's hands.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff for the amount claimed, but adjourned the case until May 10 in order to consider the question of costs and instalments.

NAVAL TREATY.

To Go Before U.S. Senate for Ratification.

SHORTEST DOCUMENT.

Washington, Yesterday. President Hoover's covering letter is one of the shortest of such documents in history. "I transmit herewith the treaty," writes the President, adding its full title and the list of signatories, "to the ratification of which I ask the advice and consent of the Senate."

Under 24 hours after the American delegates had handed him the Naval Treaty Mr. Hoover submitted the Treaty to the Senate. — Reuters' American Service.

SPEEDING UP THE LAW IN INDIA.

ADVISED TO END LAHORE CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

VICEROY'S ORDINANCE.

Simla, Yesterday. Another ordinance has been promulgated by the Viceroy, terminating the preliminary trial of the accused at the Lahore conspiracy case, in connection with the murder of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. Saunders, at Lahore, in December, 1928, which has been dragging on for nine months, obstructed by minor delays and revolutionary demonstrations. The Viceroy has empowered the Chief Justice of the High Court to constitute a special tribunal of three judges to adjudicate the cases without delay, and "to meet the ends of justice and re-establish the respect for the law." — Reuter.

Gandhi's Honeyed Tongue. Surat, Yesterday. Addressing a meeting at Rander, Mahatma Gandhi appeal-

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone over Japan is moving eastward into the Pacific.

A feeble anti-cyclone is central over the lower Yangtze valley.

A depression is central to the west of Harbin, and pressure is relatively low over the southern Philippine Islands.

Forecast:—E. winds, light to moderate; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall. — 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 12.98 inches against an average of 12.03 inches. Temperature and Humidity. The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	77	85
Macao	75	91
Pratas Islands	80	87
Manila	75	88
Amoy	72	92
Swatow	75	91
Chefoo	56	57
Shanghai	57	100

ed to Mohammedans to participate in the campaign against the Salt Law and drinking and for the promotion of spinning. He said that thereafter their hearts would be purified and there would be no occasion for them to fight. Still, they could fight then if they wished. — Reuter.

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INDIA PRESS BAN.

Journalists to Hold a Conference.

FUTURE POLICY.

Calcutta, Yesterday. A meeting of Indian journalists summoned by Indian-owned papers throughout Bengal to suspend publication pending the withdrawal of the Press Ordinance, has decided to hold a conference of Indian journalists at Allahabad in the middle of May to decide the future policy. — Reuter.

INDO-CHINA REVOLT.

Nine Annamites Saved by French President.

FOUR TO BE EXECUTED.

Paris, Yesterday. The President, M. Doumergue, has commuted to life imprisonment, with hard labour, the death sentences on nine Annamites who participated in the recent insurrection at Yon Bay, French Indo-China, but the death penalty will be applied on 300 other rebels.

CUTTING OUT THE PROFITEER.

CONSUMERS' COUNCIL TO ENQUIRE INTO PRICES.

BROKERAGE INCLUDED.

Rugby, Yesterday. The text is issued of a Government Bill for the creation of a Consumers' Council. The Council is to consist of seven members, of whom two at least must be women, but additional members may be appointed by the Board of Trade for any particular inquiry. The Council will concern itself with articles of food of general consumption, wearing apparel, clothing material, fuels and any other article of common use which the Board of Trade may require it to inquire into.

Excessive Prices. The Council is empowered to examine anyone or call for written statements and to examine books, accounts and other documents.

Where the Council report that an excessive price is being charged it may set out what it considers a proper price and recommend the Board of Trade to make an order for the purpose of securing a compliance. Upon the issue of such order by the Board of Trade, contravention will be liable to penalties of £5 in case of a first offence, or not exceeding £10 or three months' imprisonment or both together for subsequent offences. The Board of Trade order may not only govern actual selling—wholesale or retail prices—but brokerage or commission rates. — British Wireless Service.

FAULTY WORK.

Parts of Theatre to Be Rebuilt.

ORDER AGAINST CONTRACTOR.

An order to demolish defective parts of the roof of the new Sir Robert Ho Tung Theatre at Mongkok Tsui which, when complete will accommodate 2,000 people, was made by Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the Chinese contractor of the building, which is still under construction, was summoned by the P.W.D. for faulty work.

Mr. T. W. Carr, of the Public Works Department, prosecuted and stated the faulty work involved the using of defective concrete. He had inspected the place himself.

The defendant, pleaded that the concrete was mixed in the presence of a representative of Messrs. Denison, Ram, Gibbs, architects for the theatre.

Concrete Defective. Mr. R. S. W. Paterson said that he inspected the roof trusses, which are five in all, and spanning the roof of the theatre. In his opinion the concrete used was defective. It was probably badly mixed when dry, and badly mixed when wet and insufficiently rammed. There was also a surplus of water used in the process, and at a great many places the reinforcement bars were showing.

"This theatre is to hold 2,000 people, and they are certainly taking a great risk of the roof collapsing at any time," Mr. Paterson concluded.

His Worship held that the defendant was responsible as he was the contractor, and it was a serious affair as hundreds of lives of people would be in danger during a performance when the theatre was open to the public. He would not impose even a nominal fine as the penalty of "repairing" would be heavy enough, but he would register a conviction, and make an order for the demolition of the defective parts, these to be built to the satisfaction of the Building Authority.

INCOME TAX.

Tory Amendment for 4/- in £ Defeated.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons by 255 votes to 139 rejected the Conservative amendment to retain the four shillings income tax, and thus confirmed the four and six tax, Liberals and Labourites voting together after the debate, in which Mr. Snowden claimed that to-day's reduction in the Bank rate was one of the effects of the Budget. He declared that the Government stood ready to meet any demand for a further reduction. — Reuter.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A floating beacon showing an intermittent flashing light of weak power has been moored in Latitude 4 degrees North, Longitude 112 degrees 58 Minutes East for experimental hydrographic purposes and will be maintained or exhibited at the discretion of the Admiralty.

"JOHNNIE WALKER"

Bottle Stolen from Mr. Walker.

THIRSTY HOUSE BOY.

Mr. B. Walker of 4, Broadwood Road, to-day charged his substitute house "boy" before Mr. R. E. Lindell with the theft of a bottle of Johnnie Walker black label whisky.

Mr. Walker said that he did not know anything about the theft until 10 o'clock last night when an Indian Sergeant brought the accused to the house. The Sergeant had a bottle of whisky in his hand and asked witness if it was his property.

Here Mr. Walker explained that earlier in the evening, at about 6 o'clock, his wife had taken in a fresh stock of ten bottles of whisky. She counted the bottles and then turned them over to the accused to store away.

When the Sergeant came with the accused, the contents of the store cupboard were checked, and there were only nine bottles.

Accused claimed that at first Mr. Walker had denied that the bottle produced by the Sergeant was his.

A Matter of the Label.

Mr. Walker admitted this, and explained that he usually got red label whisky; therefore, when he saw the black label he was doubtful. However, when he examined his stock he found that this time ten bottles of black label whisky had been delivered by mistake.

Accused: The mistress checked the whisky before I stored the bottles away.

Magistrate: Yes, and there were

SPORTS OF INTEREST.

Further details of the match between Worcestershire and the Australian cricketers are to hand to-day, revealing the magnificent debut of Bradman, the youthful cricket wonder.

In an unofficial International Golf match between America and Britain honours in the singles, went to the British ladies.

Hull were defeated in the Second Division of the English Football League.

The opening of the local lawn bowls season is dealt with by "Short Head."

See pages 8 and 9 to-day.

ten at 6 p.m., yet when the bottles were counted again at 10 p.m. there were nine.

At this juncture Mr. Lindell directed Divisional Inspector Macdonald to send for Mrs. Walker as her evidence was necessary, she being the only person who counted ten bottles in taking delivery of the new stock.

To Mr. Walker: Was there any other whisky in the house? — Only one bottle, half empty.

Pending the arrival of Mrs. Walker Mr. Lindell decided to proceed with the case.

Different Yarns.

The Indian Sergeant said that he stopped the accused in Broadwood Road carrying the bottle of whisky wrapped in paper. When asked where he got it from, accused said that it was given to him by his master. At the house the master denied that the whisky was his, and then accused claimed that he had bought it.

Accused told the Magistrate that he had bought the whisky for \$4.10, whereupon he was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Mrs. Walker then deposed to counting ten bottles at 6 p.m., and to finding only nine when she counted them again at 10 o'clock. She said that the price of the whisky was \$5.80 a bottle.

Accused persisted in his claim that he had bought the whisky for \$4.10, whereupon he was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

FREE ENTRY.

Ottawa, Later. The Budget provides free entry under British preference for imported direct from British

COLONIAL SERVICE

CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT HONG KONG.

ONE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL BOARD TO SELECT CANDIDATES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The creation of a single Service is recommended in the report of the Committee which has been considering appointments in the Colonial Office and the Colonial services. The Committee was appointed last year by Mr. Amery, Colonial Secretary in the Conservative Government, with Mr. Warner Fisher as Chairman. For some time past it had been considered that certain changes were necessary owing to the growth of the British dependencies and the new status of the Dominions as established at the last Imperial Conference. It was found that under the growing system of interdependencies there were now many anomalies. The Colonial Office itself, for example, has become a dual department, that is, the Colonial Office proper and the Dominions Office.

The report deals with the territories handled by the Colonial Office. These comprise different territories, covering more than 2,000,000 square miles, with a total population of more than 50,000,000 people of varied nationalities and religions.

Higher Expenditure. The expenditure of the Colonial Governments alone has risen from £19,000,000 in 1909 to £28,000,000 in 1929, and the Government staffs have increased from 93,280 to 220,770.

Recommending the creation of a single Colonial Service, the Committee urges that unified special services, such as agriculture, medicine and education, should be organised with this single service.

With regard to appointments now made through the machinery of the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, it is recommended that the final selection of candidates should be made by the Colonial Service Appointments Board, which should be set up, consisting of a Chairman and two members nominated by the Civil Service Commission.

Selection of Governors. With reference to the selection of Governors, the Committee recommends that prior consideration should be given to the suitability of officers holding high office in the Colonial Services. The Committee produces figures which serve to show there is no real ground for the suggestion that the older universities have anything like a monopoly of Colonial appointments. — British Wireless Service.

Loitering at Wharf. Three charges concerning loitering, pawing without authority, and giving wrong information to a pawnbroker, were preferred against a coolie at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The first charge was that he was found loitering in the Kowloon Wharves and Godowns Company's premises and suspected to have committed a felony. It was also alleged that he, without lawful authority, pawned a long silk gown, the property of some person unknown.

Det-Sergt. Kellet prosecuted, and accused was remanded for 24 hours.

YEN AND FENG.

Peking, Yesterday. Yen Hsi-shan arrived at Shih-chia-chuang early this morning, and Feng Yu-hsiang is en route to Shih-chia-chuang. They are expected to meet to-day, after which developments are expected to be much more rapid than for the past two months. — Reuter.

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A PUBLIC MEETING held at the City Hall on FRIDAY, the 4th April, it was decided to present H.E. Sir WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E., with an Address of WELCOME on his arrival in this Colony, which will be during the morning of the 8th May next.

At the same Public Meeting, it was decided that the whole of the Theatre Royal should be thrown open to the public without charge save only that the stage be reserved for the Reception Committee, Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Representatives of the Navy, Army and Air Forces and the Heads of Public Departments, the first two rows of the stalls for the Consular Body and their wives and the representatives of the Churches, also the first two rows of the dress circle for ladies.

It is hoped that as many residents of the Colony as possible will attend this Public Meeting at the Theatre Royal, and thus give a practical demonstration of the support of the Colony to its new Governor.

COMPANY MEETINGS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th May, 1930, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 28th April, to WEDNESDAY, 7th May, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1930.

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A TROUBLESOME JEW.

DEMANDS \$1,000 FROM COMMUNAL FUND.

"CAUGHT A TARZAR."

The tale of a British Jew who would not leave Shanghai unless the secretary of the Jewish Communal Association gave him \$1,000, and how he molested several members of the Jewish community was unfolded to Mr. C. G. O. Anderson, on April 26, in H.M. Police Court, when Ibrahim Meyer Shukri was charged with committing a nuisance by begging. The defendant was bound over in a personal bond for \$250 to keep the peace until he is sent away.

"And make it quite clear to him that if he is brought before me again I will take this conviction into consideration, and may pass a very heavy sentence on him," Mr. Anderson added to the Hebrew interpreter, to be translated to the defendant.

After evidence of arrest was given by Probationary Sergeant G. Wade, of the Central station, Mr. Solomon Plashas Cohen, of Messrs. Sassoons, recalled how he had made a complaint to the police regarding the defendant. The latter went to his office and wanted money, witness said, and refused to leave after being told not to make a noise.

"He said I will insult you until you give me money," witness went on to say, and described another occasion when the defendant called again at his office, and caused him some trouble again. He complained to the police who took the defendant to the station and warned the defendant not to go to his office again.

Police Called In.—Continuing, witness said that on a Tuesday afternoon he took the defendant to the Jewish Communal Association. The secretary of the Association subsequently telephoned to the police who again took the defendant to the station. The secretary later wrote to the police to charge the man. "I asked the police what I should do if the defendant came again to my office, and they told me to phone them up in such a case."

Mr. E. A. Solomon, a representative of the Jewish Communal Association, told the court that he had received several complaints about the defendant. The latter arrived in Shanghai four months ago and went to the secretary of the Association to solicit for alms and was given \$10. This sum the defendant at first refused, saying that he wanted a bed and a house to live in. The secretary agreed to give the defendant a place to live in if he would leave Shanghai within a certain time, to which the defendant would not agree. The defendant said he would not leave Shanghai until he got \$1,000 from the Association.

The defendant made a second call on the secretary, witness said, and was given an overcoat which he asked for and another \$10. Several more visits were made to the secretary, in all about 10 times, in each case the defendant got between \$2 and \$5 from the secretary, and creating a disturbance at every call, sometimes drawing a crowd of people around the place.

Willing To Leave Shanghai.—After Shukri had retorted: "I don't want any alms from them," Mr. Anderson said to the interpreter: "Would he like to have the case adjourned until Saturday morning for him to seek legal advice?"

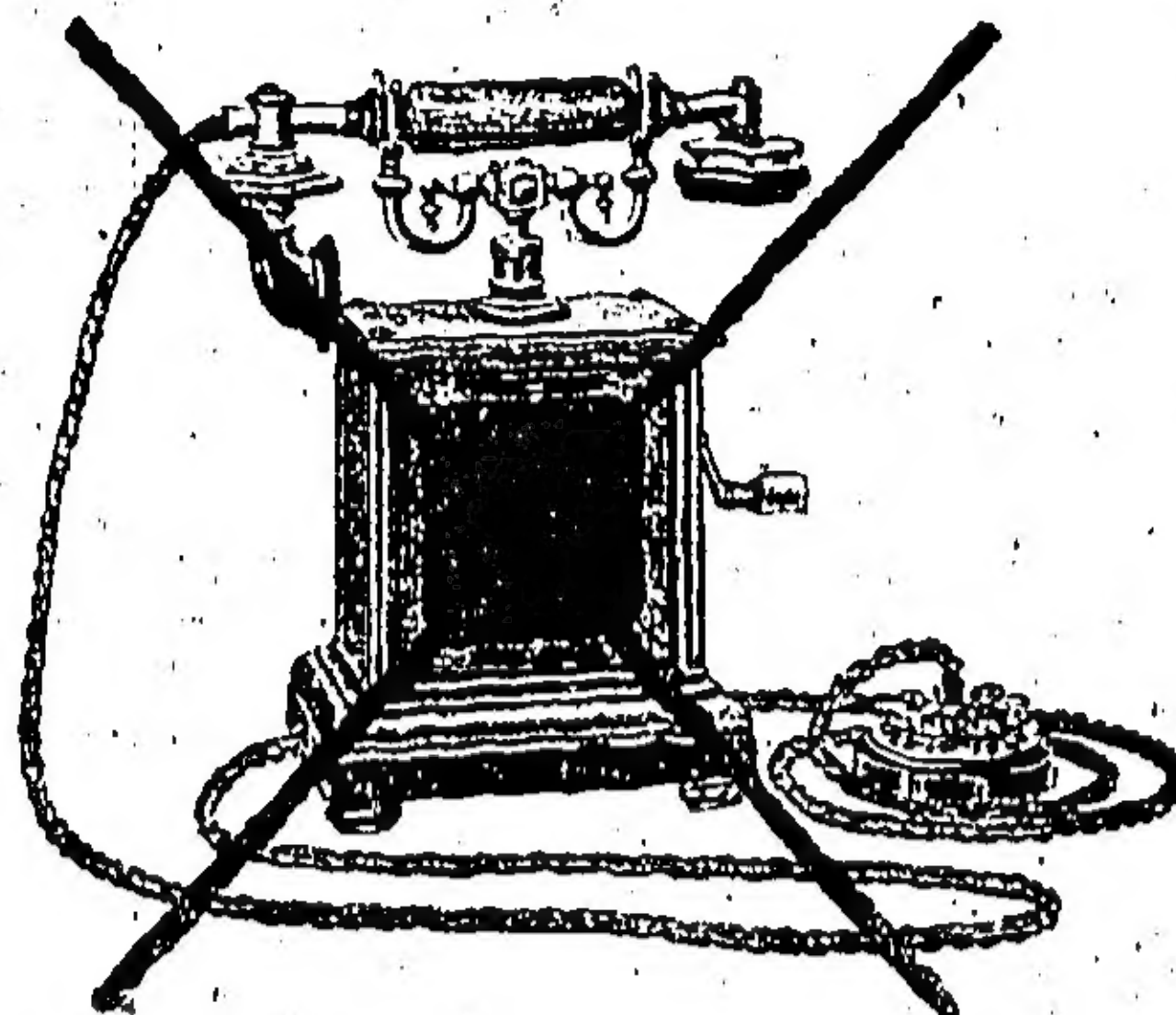
The defendant jumped at the offer, but cautiously inquired whether he would meanwhile be remanded

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ed in custody. Mr. Anderson replied that a small bail would be required, a British surety of \$250. The defendant explained that he could not furnish bail, and that it would be futile to adjourn the case if he was to remain in custody, pointing out that he would then not be able to secure the services of counsel.

After Mr. Anderson had remarked that it was a trivial charge, and

that he would not like to keep the man in custody, the defendant solved the problem by expressing willingness to leave Shanghai "If the Association wishes it." Shukri suggested that he could be sent away by a vessel sailing on May 7, remarking that it was an economical way of travelling, as the passage to Singapore on the boat would be around \$25.

The defendant at Mr. Anderson's request then gave an undertaking not to be a nuisance to any one again until his departure.—Ex.

The story of a "court-martial" held by a man and his wife, at which they decided to shoot their son, comes from the French village of Puy-en-Volsey.

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MEXICO MARU	Sunday	4th May.
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SEATTLE MARU	Monday	5th May.
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JAPANESE SHIPS.

Great Britain's interests in the Pacific were well illustrated at the recent conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, held at Kyoto, Japan, at which the following national groups were represented:—Great Britain, 15; Canada, 29; Australia, 11; New Zealand, 7 (a total for the British Empire of 62); the United States, 46; Japan, 48; China, 26; the Philippines, 7; and Korea, 5. Although the conference was held in Kyoto, the British Empire had twelve more representatives at the round table meetings than Japan, and 16 more than the United States. The "observers" from Russia, France, Holland, and Mexico had, of course, no actual part in the proceedings.

The preponderance of Great Britain's representations over that of any other flag was due to the large personnel from Canada, which was practically double that of Great Britain. The Canadian interest in every Pacific problem is quite as great as that of the United States, though perhaps not so great as that of the Australian Archipelago. In any case the Canadian people have not only been much impressed by the Kyoto meetings, but are now closely studying Pacific questions, particularly with regard to trade and commerce, being inclined to leave political problems more to the consideration of Britain.

While the Canadian Institute of International Affairs—of which Sir Robert Borden, Canada's war-time Prime Minister, is the president—is the unit in that country of the Institute of Pacific Relations, it is the business men of the Dominion who are taking up Oriental affairs. Through British Columbia's ports—as the gateway to the Pacific—it is believed that in time more trade will flow to and from the Orient than has ever flowed through the ports on the American seaboard to the south.

In Pacific Zone.

Japan is in fact one of the three countries to which Canada has recently sent special Ministers, the others being France and the United States, while Germany, as a fourth, will have a Minister this year. These Ministers collaborate with British Ambassadors at Washington, Paris and Tokyo, and have been appointed to promote the commercial interests of the Dominion.

Canada's belief that she will one day play an important part in the Pacific zone seems fairly justified by her increased trade with China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Her business with the Orient as a whole grows faster than that of the United States, though the latter had its trade organisations across the Pacific well under way years before Vancouver came into prominence. While Canada was busy developing her Atlantic interests with Europe, the United States got away with whatever was going on the Pacific Coast between Asia and the North American Continent. But both countries realise to-day that trade between nations bounded by the Pacific Ocean is capable of tremendous expansion, and both are therefore paying special attention to it.

The Shipbuilding Industry.

Though Kyoto was a former capital of Japan, and for centuries the centre of Japanese culture, it has become so modernised that the delegates to the Conference found its situation on the River Kamo a good one for the study of various branches of Japanese trade. In this work the Canadian representatives were assisted by their Trade Commissioners in Japan, one of whom reports that the Japanese law for encouraging shipbuilding, put in force in 1896, gave a strong impetus to the development of the industry, but it lapsed in 1920.

Fostered by that legislation, the leading shipbuilding yards have successfully undertaken the construction of "hattleships" of some 27,500 tons, and merchant vessels of from 10,000 to 20,000 tons. The war boom so stimulated the shipbuilding industry that to-day it has a capacity of 700,000 tons. For the most part, however, all those yards were overtaken by the post-war reaction, and no small number of the shipbuilders have been obliged to curtail the scope of their work, or to adopt other lines of engineering activities.

In this connection it is of interest that recovery of the industry has been handicapped by three factors: (1) The importation of old vessels by shipowners, which has caused a lowering in the freight rates and depressed the industry of new orders; (2) The high cost of construction, as Japan has to import a large quantity of shipbuilding material; (3) and the difficulty of raising funds for new enterprises, as bankers invested heavily during the boom and subsequently suffered losses. Since then the latter have refused to give financial assistance except at very high rates of interest, in some cases 20 to 30 per cent.

Japanese Shipping in 1930.

But the present activity in the shipbuilding industry of Japan is likely to be followed by depression when the large ships now in course of construction are completed. Since the last half of 1928 shipbuilding had in fact a run of good business in Japan. Leading shipyards were taxed to full capacity for the first time since 1922. The launching in 1929 totalled 180,000 tons for 69 vessels. This, however, is a striking contrast to 1919, when 619,000 tons were launched. The output in 1928 amounted to 53 ships, with a total of 109,664 tons.

The present building activity has been caused by the Government instructing steamship companies, working services under Government bounties, to rebuild their old ships in conformity with the new regulations on the subsidised lines; also, to the fact that the Japanese shipowners apparently believe that building prices have touched bottom. The utilisation of diesel-engined ships for both passenger and freight services has also become perceptibly active. Out of 32 ships of 150,275 tons on November 1 last year, nine ships of 109,385 tons, or 72.2 per cent. of all, are to be placed on the subsidised routes of the Government. All these ships will be completed before the end of 1930.

It may be that Japanese shipping interests generally have such confidence in the future of the trade on the Pacific that shipping will prosper in that trade as in no other. And while that remains to be seen, there may be some reason to believe that the centre of world interest which shifted from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic after the discovery and settlement of America, is slowly moving towards the Pacific, and that during the present century the greatest development in international trade may be on the Pacific. Canada, as a Pacific power, will take an increasingly important part in the development of that trade, and in the solution of Pacific problems. Canadians are therefore studying Pacific questions and endeavouring to cultivate the best possible relations with their neighbours in that part of the world.—Journal of Commerce.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—
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NOISE IN SHIPS.

Its Effect Upon Passengers.

(By Prof. A. M. Low, A.C.G.I., M.I.N.E., F.C.S.)

From the acoustical standpoint the average ship might be considered as a hollow latticed girder in which various rooms with thin panel sides are suspended. Noise may be directly air-borne to the cabin walls; it may enter through the usual form of ventilator; or, what is more common, the sides of the cabins themselves may be caused to pulsate by a combination of direct air impact and internal structure vibration.

These disturbances are often similar in characteristics and easily combine, so that the result to the passenger's ear is that an almost continuous oscillation is set up. This movement must be resisted by the body so that during speech the voice is unconsciously raised or altered in type to a point where it will not superimpose or "mingle" with the extraneous air waves.

A direct examination of sound in a ship usually provides information upon three distinct points. The position and volume of the main sound can be located, the characteristics of wave form can be recorded, and the exact pitch of each note obtained. With this information it remains to deal with every disturbance on the assumption that the expense of producing machinery of noiseless type would be prohibitive, even if it is assumed to be possible.

The engine room must obviously be insulated as far as is practicable in order that air-borne sound may be as changed as to be unlikely to carry or to intermingle with the ordinary efforts of speech. Cabins can be lined, or the interspace can be filled with material which has been shown by test to give an even response over every frequency. It is not sufficient to deal with one source of noise, rather must each point of attack be damped in order that there may be no possibility of interference between the different oscillations which are occurring.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 19
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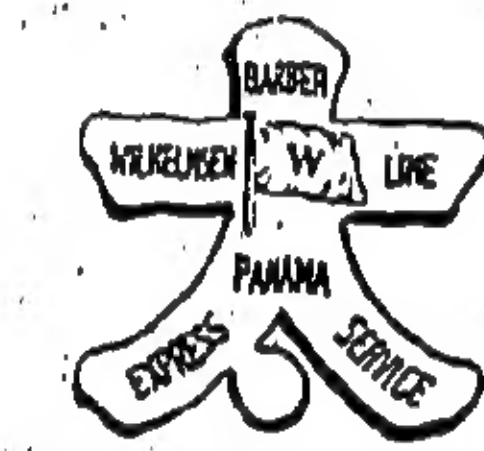
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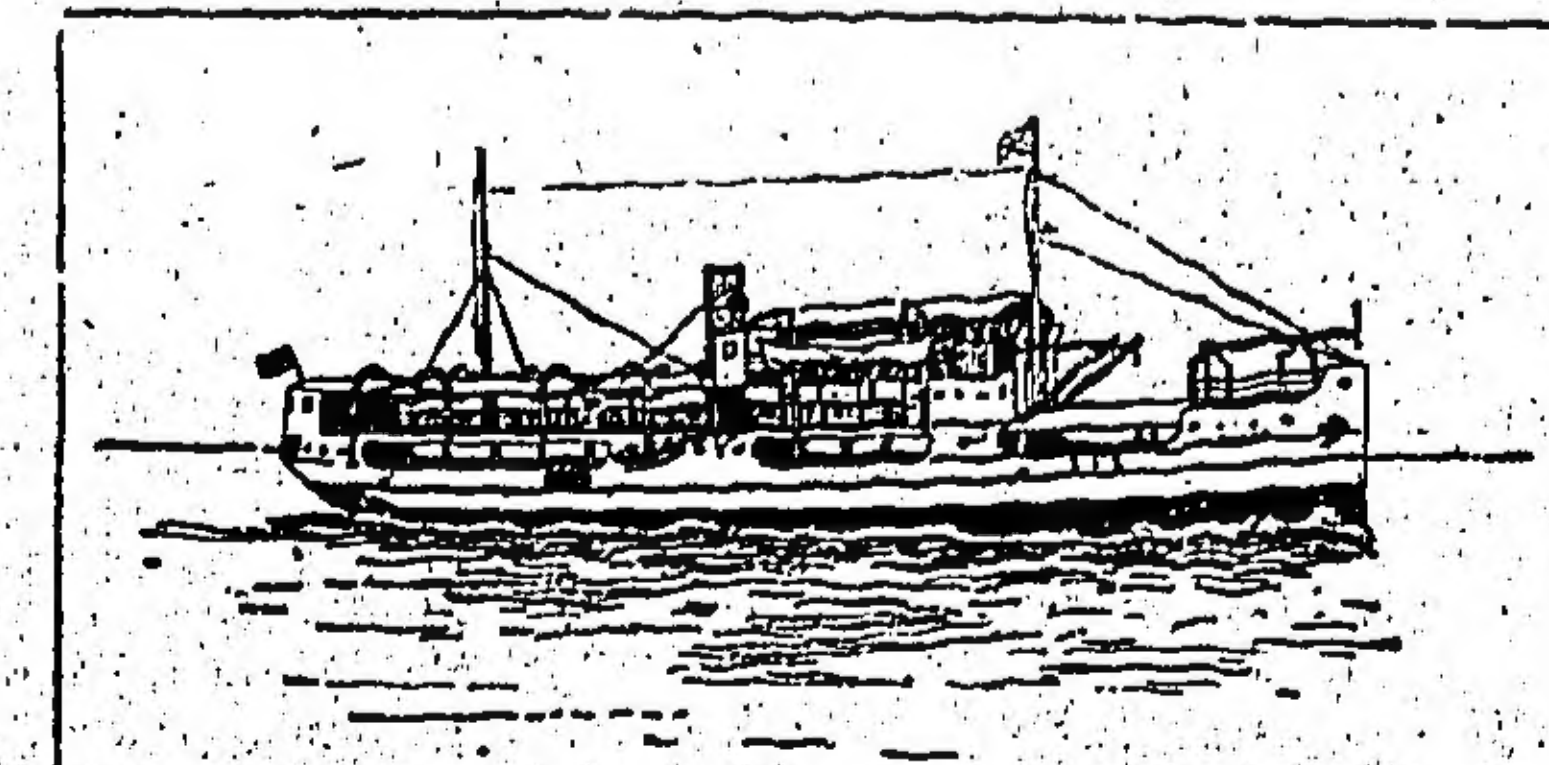
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CIVIL SERVICE.

One of the disadvantages of being a great nation is that the maintenance of Colonies and Dependencies necessitates the maintenance of a Civil Service. The Service has its uses; it is responsible for the manufacture of that which has come to be known by the exasperated British public as "red tape." It is said to have invented the term "under consideration," and to have provided by its existence a solution of the problem that annually faces our Universities and Public Schools. But, in proportion to the enormous expenditure which its high salaries entail, the good humour and patience of the British taxpayer is "phenomenal." The only section of the public which has the courage to challenge the necessity of so many civil servants, and to criticise their salaries, is the Press. For once, as we shall describe presently, we have official support of our attitude, and matters may come to pass that will cause rejoicing to those unfortunate who are not the civil servants but the economic slaves of the Government and its hiring, the Colonial Office.

In the governance of a Colony there is a large amount of purely clerical work which cannot be done by the Governors themselves; a Governor is expected to sign letters but not to type them. Therefore, clerks and typists are necessary. But the more clerks there are employed the more letters will there be written; and the more letters there are written, the more clerks will there

be employed. In fact, the Civil Service is the most prolific economic tree that ever spread its branches in colonial soil. In its ranks are people who are necessary and intelligent, and also people who are unnecessary. These are the supernumeraries; persons who pass their examinations with ease, and then take their ease afterwards. They may be seen any day in the offices of the Colonial Service, at Home or abroad, drawing plans that are never used or checking work that they could very well have done themselves.

This may seem a frivolous criticism and there may be those who think that its application to the Civil Service alone is unjust. But those members of the Service who enjoy in their own perfect confidence, not a sense of security merely (they all do), but the honest conviction that they are necessary units, will be invulnerable to our slings. There may even be a way of rewarding these deserving persons by increasing their salaries. But their salaries can only be increased with justice, by eliminating the unnecessary workers from their ranks. The Civil Service, in fact, is far too large. It is unwieldy, and its very size increases its expenditure. They have seen the truth of this at Home at last, and now action is to be taken.

The economy is to be effected in this wise. A Committee appointed last year by Mr. Amery to consider the conditions of the Colonial Office and the Colonial Service, has recommended the creation of a single Colonial Service. For some time past it had been considered that certain changes were necessary, owing to the growth of British Dependencies and the new status of the Dominions as established at the last Imperial Conference. It was found that under the growing system of independencies there were now many anomalies. For example, the Colonial Office has become a dual department, consisting of the Colonial Office proper and the Dominions Office. Added to this is another grave economic fact. The expenditure of the Colonial Governments alone has risen from £19,000,000 in 1909 to £39,000,000 in 1929, whilst the Governmental staffs have increased for the same period from 93,280 to 220,770. It is obvious that a strenuous enquiry, followed by a reform of the iniquitous, uneconomic system, were necessary.

In recommending the creation of a single Colonial Service, the Committee urges that unified

special services, such as agriculture, medicine, and education should be organised within this single service.

If the recommendations of this Committee are accepted by the Government and enacted by Parliament (as we hope they will be) the effect on the Civil Service will be more disastrous to the "unnecessary" than the classic axe of Goddes. Stricter supervision in addition, is to be made of all appointments to the Service, and the final selection of candidates will rest with the judgment of special Appointments Board. Let us hope that the Board will do their weeding thoroughly.

We would like to end, in the manner of the Greek orators, or a soft note. The Civil Service, necessary or unnecessary as it may be, can boast that for over a hundred years it has ruled and bled the country. It is merely despotism from an office stool; dictatorship on ten pounds a week. But when it ends, as all injustice must, some other department will wear the crown. We see the remedy, but why should we advise?

News in Brief.

The Kowloon Fire Brig de received a call at eight o'clock this morning to Kai Yan Road, in Kowloon City, where a chimney became ignited. Little damage was done.

In a report made to the Water Police Station at 12.15 p.m. to-day, the driver of a Kowloon Motor bus stated that while traveling along Nathan Road, a Chinese woman, who was a second class passenger, suddenly alighted and fell to the ground. Her injuries were very slight.

MAY DAY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

on Wednesday night, was produced before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham to-day.

He was a young man aged 22 years who was described as a student from Singapore.

The case was fixed for hearing on Tuesday.

The three men who were arrested with seditious literature on Sunday on the Praya, near Queen's Pier, made another appearance before the same Magistrate, and their case was also fixed for hearing on Tuesday.

As anticipated by the China Mail no attempts were made by the "Reds" to distribute literature throughout the day yesterday (May Day), the alertness of the Police acting as an effective check to the disciples of strife.

In the evening, however, they again came out, as expected. They were too afraid to make their appearance in the town, however, and contented themselves with "working" the outskirts.

Two men tried to distribute some leaflets along Bonham Road but found the Police ready for them even there, and they were soon behind iron bars. On this mainland, too, a couple of "Reds" tried to "work" the more isolated districts, but they were also effectively dealt with by the Police.

These men will probably appear in Court to-morrow.

Only one other May Day incident remains to be related and this was the arrest of a suspected Communist in a tea-house in Queen's Road Central, during yesterday afternoon. He is being detained for interrogation.

There were no demonstrations anywhere, and on the whole Labour Day, yesterday, passed off tamely as compared with former years.

"A Plant"

That the case was a "plant" and had been found to be a false one, was the remark made by Detective-Sub-Inspector A. J. W. Dorrington at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning when he applied for the withdrawal of a charge of the possession of seditious papers, which was brought against Chan King (32), a godown coolie, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith.

The Police officer stated that the right offender had been caught and was being dealt with. This Chinese constable was also being dealt with by the Police departmentally.

His Worship, accordingly discharged the man.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"Untamed" at the Queen's Theatre.

JOAN CRAWFORD'S ROLE.

With Joan Crawford and Robert Montgomery in the leading roles, "Untamed," which started its run at the Queen's Theatre yesterday is a good talkie with a fine admixture of comedy, romance, and "sob," which one cannot fail to enjoy.

Joan Crawford, as "Bingo," had the role of a girl born and bred in the wilds, the daughter of an oil prospector. Her father was killed by a drunkard who coveted "Bingo," but she was taken charge of by "Uncle Ben," her father's good friend, also a prospector. He told "Bingo's" father's claim and realised a million for her. Then they made their way back to civilization in New York.

On the ship "Bingo" fell in love with "Andy McAllister," a young student of mining engineering, with a lot of sense but no cents, let alone dollars! "Uncle" was against the match and planned to hurt the boy's feelings by offering him a cheque for \$30,000 as "nest lining." The way he put it had only one meaning for the boy—that he wanted the girl for her money. "Uncle's" intention was, of course, to so humiliate the boy so as to make him leave town and thus go out of "Bingo's" life.

"Uncle" had reckoned without "Bingo," however. She warned the boy that she would not allow him to go out of her life alive. He made to walk out of the house, whereupon she fired a revolver at him wounding him in the shoulder. "Uncle" suddenly found himself with a handful of trouble, having to explain the cause of the wounding of "Andy." Then he came to his senses and realised that he was doing wrong in standing in the way of the young lovers. He got his friend, Howard Presley, to offer "Andy" a job as engineer of a mine at a salary of \$30,000 per annum and thus made the young couple's marriage possible.

Included in the programme was a Hearst Metrotone News reel, and a musical film in which Yvette Rugel sang three popular songs.

"ONE HYSTERICAL NIGHT."

A \$50,000 camera perambulator running on inclined tracks was perfected by Director William James Craft during the production of "One Hysterical Night." Universal all-talking comedy starring Reginald Denny, which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

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"THE RED DANCE."

A splendid Fox film, "The Red Dance," is being screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow, and is well worth seeing. It throws a lurid light on the Russian revolution and on the machinations of Rasputin, the Tsarina's "saintly adviser," who met with his deserts too late to save the Tsar and his family from death.

Dolores del Rio takes the part of a peasant girl, who becomes the famous "Red Dancer" of Moscow, and opposite her is Charles Farrell, who scores a great success as the Grand Duke Eugene.

Pressure on our space unfortunately precludes a notice of the length the picture demands, but we can confidently recommend it to those who desire something historical and above the "sob" stuff so prevalent in modern filmdom.

PETTY THEFTS.

Quartette of Chinese Sent to Jail.

Four Chinese were brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on charges of stealing.

The first man, Chan Ah-sze, admitted that he stole a piece of wood from a yard in Pei Ho Street, and he got two months' hard labour. He had a previous conviction last month.

Ng Sun, pleaded guilty to stealing four electric torches from a shop in On Yau Street, and was sentenced to six weeks' jail, while Au Kwai had a similar sentence meted out to him for stealing 12 pieces of clothing from a tailor at 863, Canton Road.

Ng Chiu was sentenced to one month's jail when he pleaded guilty to stealing two water pipes, the property of the P.W.D. in Nathan Road near the Kowloon Mortuary.

At the resumed inquest at Leicester, on Mrs. Edith Lucy Mills, a witness was arrested for alleged perjury.

AUSTRIAN LOAN.

Austrian Chancellor in London.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Schober, arrived in London this afternoon. He was welcomed by representatives of the Premier and the Foreign Secretary. This evening a dinner was given in his honour at the Foreign Office, the guests including members of the Cabinet, the Lord-Mayor of London, Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and high officials of the Foreign Office.—British Wireless Service.

TRAFFIC IN GIRLS.

Charges Against Two Men and a Woman.

ALLEGED DUAL SALE.

Transactions in which a 12-year-old Chinese girl was sold twice were involved in a case before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when two Chinese men and a woman were charged with taking part in the transaction. It was alleged that the first male accused sold the girl to the woman for \$140, and she in turn transferred the girl to the other man for \$175.

The first male accused gave evidence yesterday, when he stated that the girl was offered to him by her sister to be adopted as a daughter. He refused the offer, but remembering that he had heard from a woman named Pang Yee that her relatives wished to adopt a girl, he got the girl's sister in touch with this woman and what subsequently occurred between them he did not concern himself with. He admitted that the purchase money, \$140, was paid over to the girl's sister at his house, but he was not at home at the time.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday at 11 a.m., for the other two accused to give evidence.

BANK RATE DOWN.

Another Question of Interest.

The Currency Committee will no doubt note with interest that the Bank of England discount rate is now 3 per cent. This is the lowest rate since the dismal years of 1922 and 1923, the rate having reached 7 per cent. at its highest in the post-war boom of 1920-21.

The highest rate recorded since 1886 is 10 per cent. in 1914, whilst the low level of 2 per cent. was last known as far back as 1897. Only last year the Bank Rate in England reached a high level of 6½, since which it has steadily dropped.

It is a reasonable assumption that interest rates in Hong Kong will follow the London example. Current rumour has it that the Colony is "simply full of money." The average wage-earner is left wondering where it all is!

CASE FOR THE 'ARMY'

Home Found for Erring Maid.

Au Shun-ching (16), a servant girl, formerly employed by Mr. F. C. Mow Fung at the Crampian farm, Kowloon City, and who stole a case box and a pen from him, was again brought before Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Magistrate's Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector Elston stated that the Salvation Army had undertaken to maintain the girl.

His Worship said that in view of the girl's dishonesty, he hoped she would appreciate the goodness of the Salvation Army and make the most of it.

A caution was registered.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail" May 2, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 4/7½d.

The fifth annual dog, cat and poultry show, held at the Happy Valley Race Course by courtesy of the Jockey Club, attracted many spectators, and the Show in spite of the bad weather, was the most successful yet held.

The entries included 88 dogs, 19 pigeons, 7 cats and 155 poultry.

Mr. V. C. Labrum, who went to Kifree with the Hong Kong contingent and later journeyed to the Balkans, returned to the Colony to-day by the s.s. "Huntgreen," an ex-German vessel.

FIGHT TO CONTROL MALARIA

IMPORTANT PART PLAYED BY SOIL.

A NEW FACTOR.

The condition of the soil as a contributing factor to the incidence of malaria was a point emphasised by Professor K. B. Williamson in an address delivered before the annual meeting of the British Medical Association (Malayan branch) in Singapore.

"Rural Malaria in Malaya" was the subject of the address, and the speaker called attention to the fact that the death rate from fevers, mainly of malarial origin, had decreased by about 75 per cent. in the chief towns of the F.M.S., and by about 50 per cent. in those of the Straits Settlements, during the last ten years; but that of the residual populations, mainly rural, had not been appreciably reduced. The sum of \$120,000 had been spent on rural anti-malarial work in Singapore Island in 1928, although its area was only about 200 square miles. Though part of this was capital expenditure the work went on from year to year; and at this rate if only one-fifth of the 51,000 square miles in Malaya needed protection, an impossible burden would be placed on the country's exchequer.

Even if the money were forthcoming anti-malarial work in most villages could not be controlled from sanitary headquarters, and the trained personnel was not available. Many of the coolies employed on it would under these circumstances themselves die. Therefore, although the work mentioned, taken in conjunction with that in Penang, probably had no parallel in the world, it could not be imitated over the country at large. Moreover at the present rate of deforestation some thousands of square miles of highly malarious country would be opened up within the next fifty years.

Cheaper and automatically effective means of prevention must be sought. Of these a general improvement in agriculture which created wealth, while it increased health, held out most promise. This was made evident historically both in Europe and elsewhere, and it possessed the advantage that the people's standard of living was raised, their housing improved, and their ability to resist disease increased. But the alleged causes of the accompanying decrease of malaria were not equal to explaining it. To do so we must consider the changes occurring in the soil; and it was of interest to recall that settlers in the prairies of America attributed their acquired freedom from malaria to the soil becoming "mellowed" when it came under cultivation.

High Nitrogen Content.

Elsewhere it was equally important and its quality was a main determinant of malaria. Good husbandry maintained a high level of nitrogen and of organic matter in the soil, factors deterrent to mosquito-breeding of the kinds causing malaria.

Quoting figures supplied by the Agricultural Department and by the Rubber Research Institute, as well as those obtained by himself, the speaker showed that the nitrogen content of ricefields on flat coastal land, where there was little and sometimes no malaria, ranged from 3 to 6 parts per thousand. The higher figure was the average for peaty districts, and corresponded with practically no malaria. On the other hand, in hill rice valleys, where malaria was much worse, an average of only 1.5 parts was present; and though much higher figures occurred especially on peaty land, the average figure for a large number of rubber estates worked out at less than one per thousand. Rubber as a crop was notoriously associated with malaria, often severe, and 1.0 part per thousand might probably be considered as about the upper limit of the tolerance of soil nitrogen (always associated with organic matter) of *A. maculatus*. Most *A. maculatus* soils undoubtedly contained much less nitrogen than this.

Two generations of Malayan workers had been studying the effect of the composition of their breeding water upon the occurrence of different species of anophelines, the opinion of the speaker that individuals as well as species that carry most malaria are bred from pure water being restated. Sir Malcolm Watson first enumerated the belief that rot was antagonistic to malaria; and Dr. Hacker laid the foundation of our present knowledge, aided as he was by the unprecedented series of analyses by Mr. Blair, and the cooperation of Dr. Quilley at Kent Estate; knowledge which was still far from complete. But it now transpired that the composition of the soil was the main determinant of the chemical, and also probably of the bacterial composition of breeding waters. The soil exerted its greatest effects in shallow stagnant waters, especially if the bottom was stirred up, being relatively less effective in clear running water. It had not been sufficiently realised that under shallow stagnant conditions many, if not most, soils

were definitely destructive to anopheline larvae, and especially to those of potentially malarious species. Figures supplied by Mr. Belgrave of the Agricultural Department proved that almost all Malayan soils, on long standing with a little water, gave up many times more ammonia to it than was compatible with the existence of even the coarsest species, such as *A. vagus* and *A. kochi*, which were non-malarious under Malayan conditions. The presence of the ammonia was an index of other, and probably more harmful agents, chemical and bacterial.

Practical Suggestions.

Research on these lines had not yet been applied to the control of malaria in Malaya, but the time for this had now come. The speaker offered the following practical suggestions, several of which he had made before to the Malaria Advisory Board of the F.M.S., or in the pages of the Malayan Medical Journal:—

(1) Dry-cropping rice fallows, especially on hill valleys with a leguminous crop, which would directly enrich the soil with nitrogen, and provide fodder for an increased number of buffaloes. If the Malays continued to let their land lie idle and revert to pestilential marsh for six months in the year, it would become more and more difficult for them to justify their neglect in face of the country's increasing need for home-grown food.

(2) Keeping pigs in the vicinity of seepage areas where *A. maculatus* might otherwise be expected; and the deep-trenching of hill slopes, with sterilised night-soil, in order to intercept and pollute underground seepage, the latter being a purely experimental measure.

Thus the health of the Malay would be improved by the animal of his pride and election, namely the buffalo, the desire to provide food for which might be an incentive to him to cultivate his fallows; and that of the Tamil and the Chinese by the pig, numbers of which, as things were, having to be imported yearly, it would be equally useful on rubber estates, where it would help to feed the coolies, at least the Chinese ones, or could be sold for a profit. Also rotting fish, entirely effective against mosquitoes in Krian, as well as food and manure, could be derived at a trifling cost from fishponds. Rubber cultivation paid heavily for its one-sidedness.

(3) Heavily manuring coco-nut groves, as well as directly polluting the ditches in them, in which *A. umbrosus* breeds. This could best be done in connection with an associated animal industry such as the raising of poultry, or fish, the pungent, substituted ammonia and other bacterial products of decaying fish probably being peculiarly effective larvicides.

(4) Stirring the soil in stagnant ditches. For the reason above stated a muck-rake might in certain situations be as effective as an oiling can.

Among the most urgent questions remaining in Malaya were: can the common anophelines, for example, *A. maculatus* be enticed away from man to cattle and pigs? Also:—Is it certain that this and other so-called malarious species always carry malaria? For example, do they do so equally when bred from the relatively impure aeration pits in rubber estates and pure springs and seepages?

New Investigators.

In order to place the agricultural and biochemical control of malaria on an assured basis, knowledge of the chemical and bacteriological causes at work was needed. To obtain this knowledge, two classes of investigators, at present unfortunately not recognised by malarial science, were necessary, namely the hydrobiological chemist and the microbiologist.

Sir Walter Fletcher had last year stated that there were probably more sufferers from malaria in the world than there were thirty years ago. The reason for this was that rural malaria, which was probably 80 or 90 per cent. of all there was, defied control all over the world. The knowledge now dawning of the part played by the soil offered an additional hope of cure, if slow, progress. In the meantime, current measures of oiling and draining and the search for an efficient drug, should not be abandoned. But the constitution of the soil in relation to cropping, draining, and animal husbandry was fundamental and could no longer be ignored.

The lecturer concluded with an appeal that the inquiry he had been pursuing should go forward until it was brought to a practical issue.—Straits Times.

BANDITS BUSY.

Two Spanish Priests Carried Away.

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is learned that bandits captured Father in south-west Anhwei on April 27, and took prisoner a Spanish priest, Father Herrera, who has since been rescued by troops, and has arrived at Anking. Bandits are also reported to have captured the neighbouring town

CO-RESPONDENT IN DIVORCE ACTION.

"NO SENSE IN WITHHOLDING NAME OF PARTY."

JUDGE'S COMMENTS.

A decree nisi was granted by Judge G. W. King, O.B.E., in the British supreme court on April 25 in the case in which Gertrude Gladys Hayward sought the annulment of her matrimonial bonds with Albert Edward Hayward, of Lane, Crawford and Company. A co-respondent, an unnamed non-British woman, was cited, but was not legally represented and the case proceeded with in her absence.

Solicitor Roder Harris appeared for the petitioner, and in stating the case for his client referred to the private detective work done by F. J. Bishop, of the China credit information and mercantile bureau, who, under instructions from Mrs. Hayward had trailed the defendant and the co-respondent to the Forts hotel, Wossung, one Saturday afternoon, returning to Shanghai after satisfying himself that there was sufficient evidence to enable the lady to seek divorce from her husband.

When giving judgment, Judge King remarked that in divorce cases in the future every endeavour must be made to establish the identity of the co-respondent, because there was no sense in withholding the name of any party to a divorce action that may have misbehaved.—China Press.

OH, THOSE LEGS!

Pretty Ankles Cause Street Accidents.

OLD MAN TANTALISED.

The fair sex in Shanghai is responsible for many street accidents.

So says a veteran traffic officer who, during many years in Shanghai, has seen accidents come and go—mostly come. The officer does not say that the ladies are at fault, but rather that they unwittingly cause many traffic mishaps. In his opinion, based on long experience, trim feminine ankles and short skirts result in accidents as well as careless and reckless vehicle drivers, riksha coolies, and others.

"The situation," said the traffic officer, "is far better than it was a few years back when short skirts first became fashionable. But there are still many hundreds of the sterner sex who have no aversion to following with their eyes a trim pair of silk-clad ankles topped off by a short skirt."

"And what happens? The ankles cross the street and so does the onlooker. He has eyes not for the traffic but for the ankles. And accidents result. This by no means applies only to foreigners, but to Chinese males as well."

One day I was standing on a busy street corner watching traffic. A rather pretty girl wearing a scanty skirt and silk stockings crossed the street. Just behind her was a foreign man, old enough to be on the alert when crossing a street.

"Did he have eyes for the traffic and its dangers? No, only for the slender ankles. A fast-moving riksha bowed him over neatly, and the irate pedestrian blamed the coolie. Similar accidents occur every day, but are seldom reported."

Asked as to a remedy for the situation, the officer grinned and said: "Absent Ankles Avert Accidents."—Shanghai Times.

"LET'S MARRY."

How Aged Bridegroom Proposed.

Mrs. H. Garner, the 72-year-old bride of Market Weighton who on March 26 married her sweetheart of 60 years ago, told a newspaper reporter that she and her 73-year-old husband went to school together at Gipsy Bridge, near Boston, Lincolnshire. They were boy and girl sweethearts, but each married someone else.

Fifty years afterwards they met again and fell in love once more. "My husband has not altered a bit since we were boy and girl together," she said. "He may be a bit older looking, but he has the same quiet way and the same smile."

Mrs. Garner laughed when she was asked if it was an old-fashioned proposal. "I do not believe in those ideas of getting down on your knees to propose," she replied. "I am in favour of the modern method of saying, 'Let's get married.' That is what we did. It is not the way you propose, your rings, or things like that that count. It is just whether you are happy and get on well together."

of Hweshan on April 28 and taken prisoner two Spanish priests, Fathers Hidalgo and Avila, and their whereabouts are at present unknown.—Reuter.

ALLEGED INHUMANE TREATMENT.

SHOCKING INJURIES TO A CHILD.

MISTRESS CHARGED.

The objection of Mr. Hugh-Jones to Mr. H. R. Butters, Assistant to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs prosecuting in a case in which a Chinese woman named Ho Yee-ku living at 63, Laichikok Road, is charged with ill-treating a mul tsai, seven years of age, had an amicable settlement in the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The matter was settled by Mr. Whyte-Smith, who entered the name of Mr. Butters on the charge sheet, instead of the Hon. S.C.A.

Inspector M. J. Murphy, of the S.C.A., was also present and was the first witness called.

Mr. Butters said that on April 26, he received information by letter as a result of which he instructed Inspector Murphy to raid 63 Laichikok Road. When the officer arrived there, he entered the floor and saw the little girl, who pointed to the defendant as "the chastiser." She also showed the Police officer a few pieces of rope, with which she alleged the defendant tied her up while the punishment was inflicted.

Medical Statement.

Inspector Murphy accordingly arrested the woman and had the girl immediately sent to the Kowloon Hospital, where Dr. J. T. Smalley, medical officer-in-charge, examined her thoroughly. He found recent contusion wounds, cuts on her body, and bruises on her right thigh. Her left arm showed an old fracture of the elbow, while the fingers of the left hand were septic. The left wrist bore marks of having been bound by ropes. She also had a cut on the upper lip, and abrasions.

The middle finger of the right hand was fractured, and the first finger septic. She also bore rope marks round her right wrist.

When the woman was taken to the Police Station and charged she is alleged to have admitted frankly that she had beaten her mul tsai.

After evidence was taken, the case was adjourned.

ALLEGED FRAUDS.

Goods Obtained on Credit.

OVER \$10,000 INVOLVED.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham heard evidence in the case in which a Chinese named Chan Kai-sang is charged with unlawfully, fraudulently, and deceitfully conspiring to obtain goods to the value of \$10,598.16.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, whilst Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones was for the defence.

According to Mr. Sheldon, the accused was a member of a firm known as the Chan Sang Tong, and he was alleged, to have obtained goods, to the amount stated in the charge, from various other firms. In some cases no payment was made for the goods obtained, and in others small sums were paid as deposit. The goods were mostly ordered by accused or a man named Ip Shu-yun, described as a partner of the Chan Sang Tong firm.

The prosecution alleged conspiracy to defraud between the accused and the man Ip, claiming that they had ordered the goods without any intention of paying for them. The goods were mostly obtained during February and the first week of March.

The alleged fraudulent nature of the Chan Sang Tong firm was discovered when on March 7 when the managing partner of the Chung Sang Knitting Factory, which had supplied goods to the value of \$604, visited the Chan Sang Tong firm. The accused was not there, but the visitor discovered on the premises an interesting document which was a list of a large portion of the goods which had been obtained on credit. The goods were supposed to have been shipped by a boat named Ah Luk, but the interesting part of the document was the fact that the prices of the goods, as stated in the document, were about two-thirds of the price which accused would have had to pay for the goods. This suggested that accused was operating "what was known in London as 'long firm fraud.'" The Police were informed and subsequently accused was arrested.

After some evidence had been taken, the case was adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

12. Fox Trot:
(a) "Pretending"
(b) "Breakaway"
Extra (Time Permitting):
(a) "Anything Your Heart Desires"
(b) "Josephine"
(c) "Can't We Be Friends"
12. Midnight—Close Down.

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7-7.30 p.m.—Lesson in Cantonese by Rev. H. R. Wells.
7.30-9.30 p.m.—Programme of Victor Records:

"Serenade" (Les Millions d'Arlequin) (R. Drigo).
"The Flower of Italy"
"La Hère du Gentle Lark"
(Shakespeare-Sir Henry R. Bishop).
"Swiss Echo Song" (Carl Eckert).
Marion Talley.

"Alice Blue Gown" (Joseph McCarthy-Harry-Tierney).
"Beautiful Lady" (C. M. S. McLellan-Ivan Caryll).
"The Troubadour"
"Songs of Our Native Birds"
Charles Kellogg. "The Nature Singer."

"Du Bist Die Ruh" (My Sweet Repose) (Schubert, Op. 59, No. 3).
"Die Lorelei" (The Loreley)
(Franz Liszt).
Sigrid Onegin, Contralto with Piano.

"My Blue Heaven"
(G. Whiting-W. Donaldson).
"The Song is Ended"
(Irving Berlin).
Jesse Crawford, Wurlitzer Organ.

"Sea Songs"—
Victor Male Chorus. (Male Chorus with Orchestra).
"Louise-Berouet" (Chapelier).
"Jongleur De Notre Dame—Légende De La Saule" (The Juggler of Notre Dame—Legend of the Sagebrush) (Massenet).
Marcel Journet, Bass with Orchestra.

"I Kiss Your Hand, Madame" (R. Krivin-F. Rottier).
"Twilight" (Edouard Bianco).
Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

"Impressions of London" (Wealmsater).
"St. Margaret's" Chimes Westminster and "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past" (Stanley Roper).
"Hungarian Dance No. 5" (Brahms).
"Hejre Kati—Cairdus" (Hubay).
Feri Sarközi, Cymbalom Solo with Guitar.

"Just A-Wearyin' for You" (F. Stanton-Carric Jacobs-Bond).
"I Love You Truly" (Carric Jacobs-Bond).
Dusolina Giannini.

"A Hunting Scene" (P. Bucalossi).
"Patric Comique" (T. Hindley-M. L. Lake).
Victor Concert Band, Direction, Rosario Bourdon.

"Caprice in E Flat Major" (Wladyslaw Krelaser).
"Vocalist" (S. Rachmaninoff-Michel Press).
Mischa Elman, Violin Solo.

"Quartet in D" (Haydn).
Elman String Quartet.
"I Love to Hear You Singing" (L. Clavin-H. Wood).
"Hawaiian Soudman"
(C. O'Flynn-F. H. Kieckmann).
Jesse Crawford, Wurlitzer Organ.

9.30 p.m.—Special Dance Programme.
Extra: Waltz (9.30 p.m.).
(a) "Kiss Me Again"
(b) "Underneath the Russian Moon"

1. One Step:
(a) "You Were Meant For Me"
(b) "Mean to Me"
Trio: "I Zingari"—De Groot.

2. Fox Trot:
(a) "Wedding of the Painted Doll"
(b) "I Kiss Your Hand Madame"
Octet "La Cinquante" Squire.

3. Fox Trot:
(a) "Broadway Melody"
(b) "You're the Cream in My Coffee"
Park Lane Hotel Orchestra, "Salut D'Amour."

4. Waltz:
(a) "Pagan Love Song"
(b) "Evangeline"
Violin Solo, "Aloha Oe" Krelaser.

5. Fox Trot:
(a) "Singing in the Rain"
(b) "Singing in the Bath Tub"
Grandier Guards Band. "Softly Awakes My Heart."

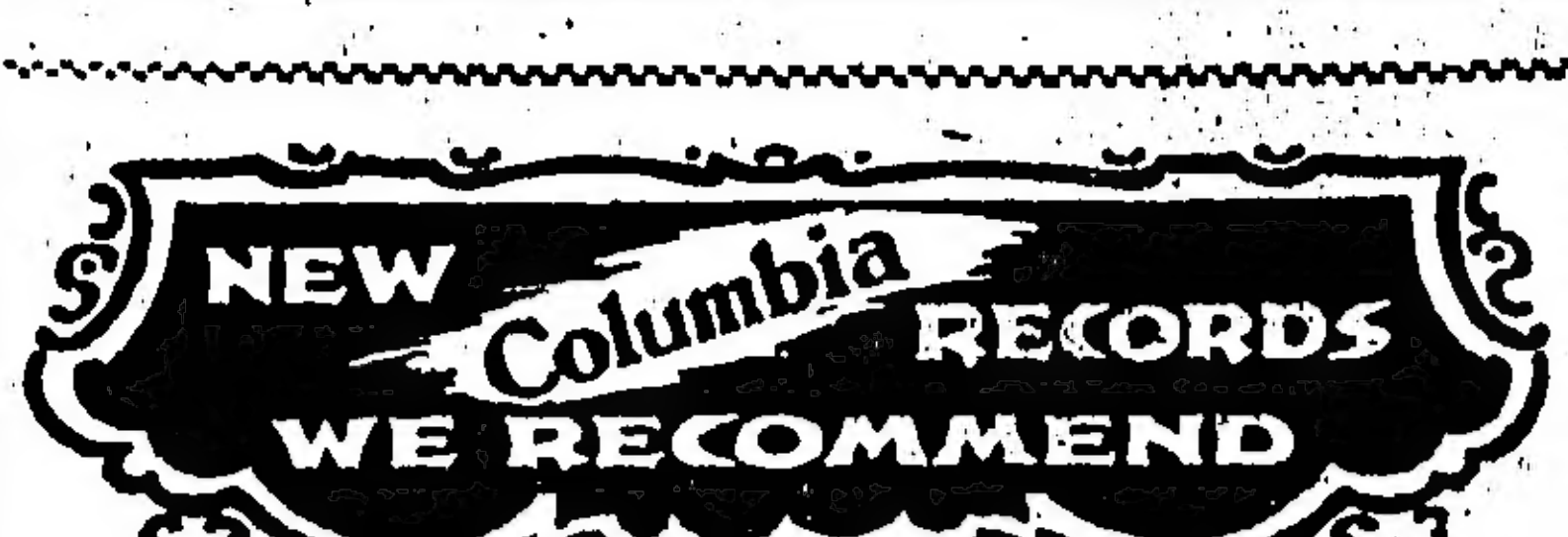
6. Fox Trot (10.15 p.m.):
(a) "Got a Feeling For You"
(b) "Waiting at the End of the Road"
Trio "My Flame of Love"
De Groot.

7. Fox Trot:
(a) "Low Down Rhythm"
(b) "Honey"
Gavotte from "Mignon"
Squire Octet.

8. Waltz:
(a) "Song of Songs for Me"
(b) "Tutti the Stars"
Park Lane Hotel Orchestra, "For You Alone."

9. Fox Trot:
(a) "Too Wonderful for Words"
(b) "Big City Blues"
Violin Solo, "Fragrant Serenade"
Krelaser.

10. Fox Trot:
(a) "Miss You"
(b) "I'm Just a Vagabond Lover"
Violin Solo, "Estrellita"
Albert Sammons.
Waltz (11.40 p.m.):
(a) "I'll See You Again"
(b) "Song of the Nile"
Idyl "The Glow Worm"
Victor Orchestra.
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	From The Cranebrake	"
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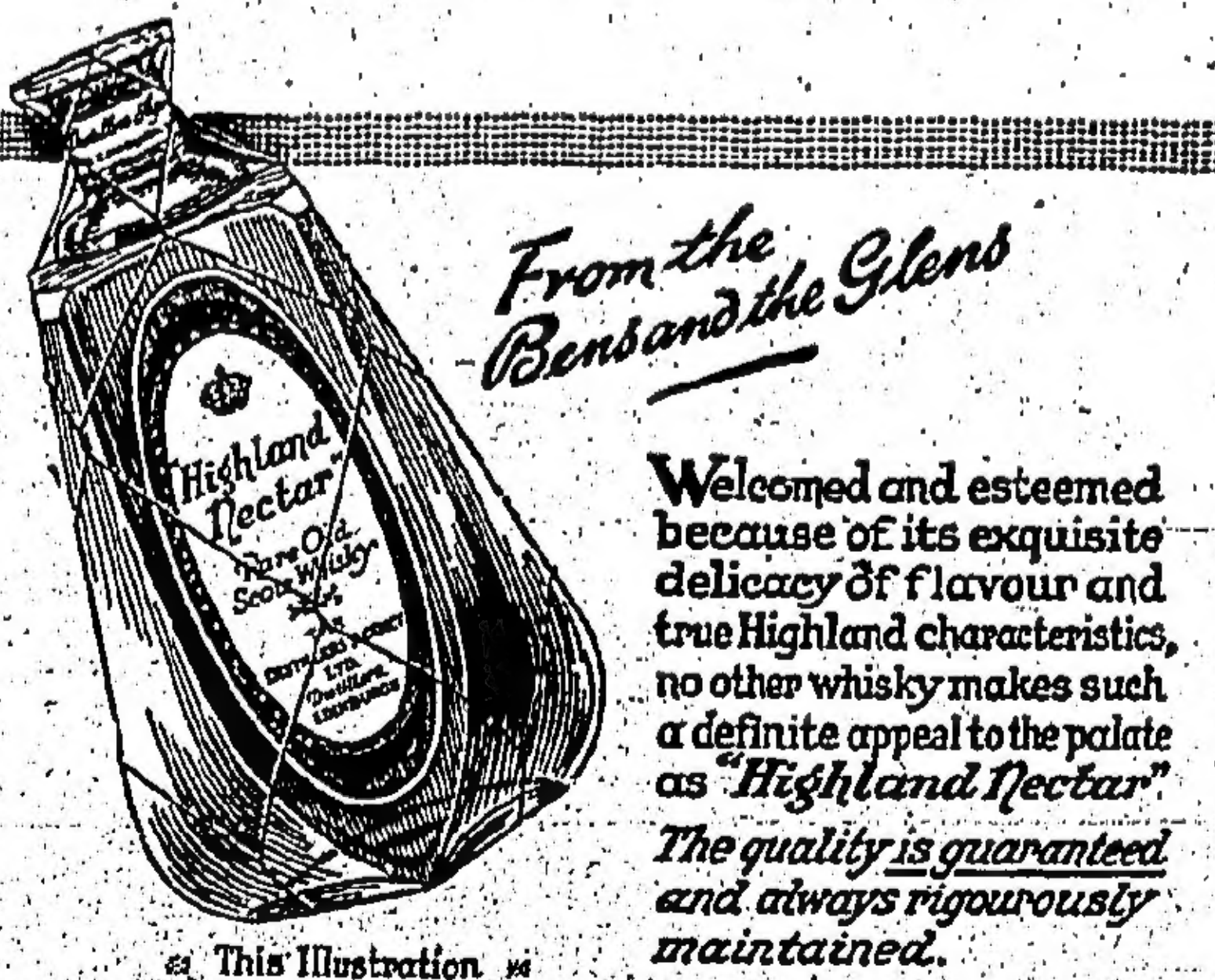
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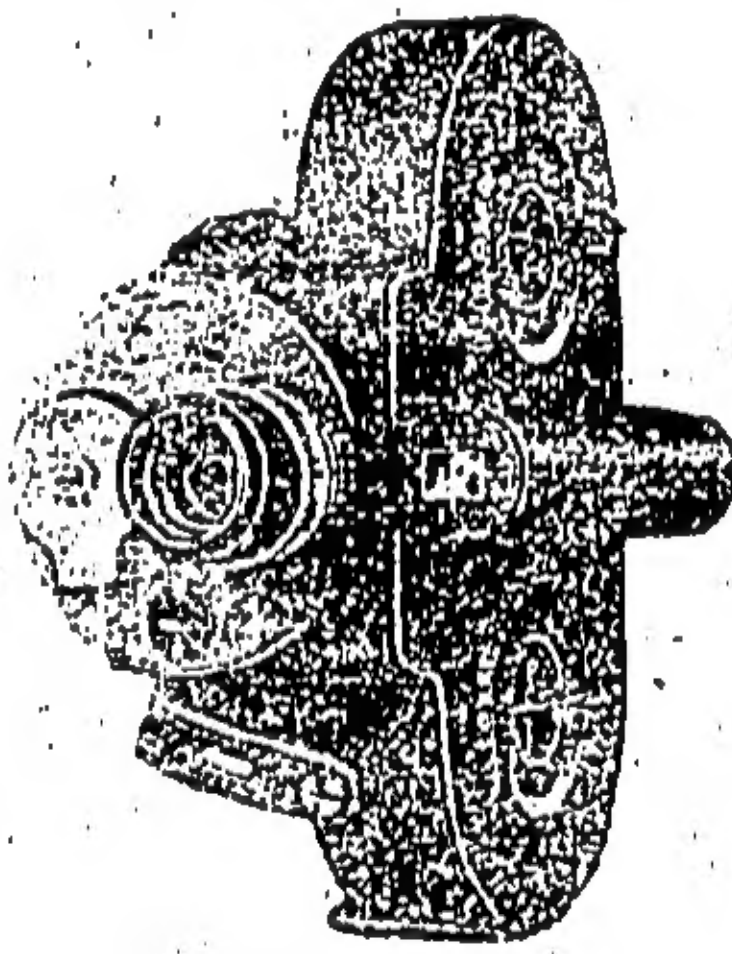
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HOME FOOTBALL.

Hull Go Under at Bristol.

London, Yesterday.
Hull, playing in a Second Division match to-day on their own ground, cut rather an inglorious figure in the struggle to escape relegation, going down to Bristol City, who were previously at the bottom of the table with one point less, by the only goal scored in the match.

Port Vale made sure of the Championship in the Northern section of the Third Division, defeating Doncaster Rovers at Doncaster by a couple of goals.

Results:—
Division II.
Hull City 0 Bristol City 1
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—Reuter.

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Halifax	41 10 8 23 44 79 28
Barnsley	41 11 5 25 41 98 27

MILITARY SPORTS.

Two Days' Meet Begins This Afternoon.

The Hong Kong Area athletic meeting takes place to-day, and to-morrow, at the military sports grounds, Sookumpoo.

To-day's events, with the exception of the three miles team race, will consist of eliminating heats and preliminary rounds in the tug-of-war, high jump and pole jump, the first event being due to commence at 4.30 p.m.

To-morrow's card contains fourteen events, commencing at 3 p.m. Relay races will be run over 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, and half-a-mile, while there will be a one mile inter-unit race and 120 yards hurdles relay, high jump, pole jump, tug-of-war, putting the shot, and the long jump, will complete the events for which units compete for the Inter-Unit Athletics Cup. Scoring for each event will be 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, with the exception of the tug-of-war, where scoring will be 10, 8, 6, 4, 2.

Six units have entered for the Cup, Royal Artillery, H.K.S. Bde., R.A., Royal Corps of Signals, Somerset Light Infantry, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and 3/15th Punjab Regiment.

Open Events.
There are two open events, an open mile, and enlisted boys' 220 yards relay.
By permission of Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Little, D.S.O., and Officers, Somerset Light Infantry, and Lieut. Colonel R. G. MacLaine, M.C., and Officers, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Band of the Somerset Light Infantry and the Pipes of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will play to-morrow afternoon.

SACRED HEART SPORTS.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga has consented to distribute the prizes to the winners of the Sacred Heart College sixth annual athletic sports to-morrow at the Kowloon Football Club ground at 4 p.m.

The 100 yards flat race, open to ladies, is timed to take place at 8.55 p.m. Entrance free, post entry.

The half mile race, open to the Colony (male) will be run at 9.45. Entrance free, post entry.

GOLF.

Unofficial International Match.

WOMEN'S TITLE AT STAKE.

London, Yesterday.
Ten out of twenty-two American women golfers, who have arrived in England in quest of the women's title, met Britain in an unofficial international match at Sunningdale with five foursomes and ten singles, the rival captains being Miss Glenna Collett and Miss Molly Gourlay, who were opposed in the leading foursomes.

Miss Gourlay and Miss Enid Wilson beat Misses Collett and Bennett, 4 and 3.

Miss Ourett and Mrs. Martelle (America) beat Misses Pearson and Lobbett, 7 and 6.

Mrs. Watson and Miss McCulloch (Britain) halved with Misses Van Wic and Wattles.

Miss Corlett and Mrs. Latham Hall (Britain) beat Mrs. Hill and Miss Stifel, one up.

Mrs. Mida and Miss Hicks (America) beat Misses Park and Fishwick one up.

The foursomes result was thus two matches won by each side and one halved.

Honours Regained.
The Americans furnished a last-minute surprise with four team changes, but they were unable to prevent Britain regaining some lost golf honours from America and setting the Walker Cup team an example.

For example, Miss Gourlay was two down at the twelfth hole, but fought back like Miss Joyce Weathered did in last year's championship. She did the thirteenth in two and obtained the lead at the sixteenth.

Results of the singles:—
Miss Ourett (America) beat Mrs. Watson (Britain), 1 and 2.
Miss Enid Wilson (Britain) beat Miss Van Wic (America), 4 and 3.
Miss McCulloch (Britain) beat Miss Hicks (America), 2 and 1.
Mrs. Hill (America) beat Miss Corlett (Britain), 1 and 0.
Miss Pearson (Britain) beat Miss Quier, 2 and 1.
Miss Park (Britain) beat Miss Wall (America), 3 and 2.
Miss Fishwick (Britain) beat Mrs. Fisher (America), 5 and 4.
Miss Finlay (America) beat Miss Lobbett (Britain), 1 and 0.
Miss Fordyce beat Miss Chambers, 3 and 1.
Miss Molly Gourlay (Britain) beat Miss Glenna Collett (America), 1 and 0.

—Reuter.

LINDRUM'S DEFEATS.

Effect on Gates at Matches.

London, March 3.
The comparatively poor public support for the series of matches Lindrum is now playing in London is attributed, partly, to the three defeats he has sustained, and the general opinion appears to be that if he had retained an unbeaten certificate the Memorial Hall would not have been too large to hold the would-be spectators. One continues to hear comments upon the result of his recent game with McConachy, and these, although sometimes quite irrelevant, cannot wholly be ignored.

It is, of course, quite impossible to elucidate all the mysterious circumstances pertaining to professional billiards, the very uncertainty of the game obviating such a task, but those people who have been busily attempting to estimate the ability of Lindrum, in comparison with his contemporaries, have found their efforts completely discounted, while the judgment of billiards writers who asserted that the Australian's form warranted the opinion that he could concede any other player at least 5,000 start in a fortnight's match, has been severely criticised.

Lindrum's performances in this country have been so amazing that competent observers could not visualise his defeat, and his three losses have been the more inexplicable in consequence. My own opinion is that Lindrum has become exhausted with continuous exhibition play. It must be remembered that ever since opening in Glasgow on October 15, he has been playing in public every day, Sundays excepted, and has in addition, frequently given private displays, either between sessions, or after 10 o'clock at night.

No surprise can be felt if Lindrum is beginning to suffer from the strain of his strenuous exertions. He is but human, after all.

High Standard of Play.
Another reason that has been advanced for the falling-off in public support is, that people are becoming surfeited with Lindrum's cannon, and would like to see him exploit other methods of play to a greater extent. The majority of his big breaks certainly

contain a large proportion of cannons, which become monotonous to regular onlookers, but the spectators, generally, continue to be astounded at the delicacy of his touch and his masterful control of the balls. This must be a matter for Lindrum's judgment alone. He is doubtless sufficiently wise and discriminating to know, by now, what his patrons desire, and to adapt his procedure accordingly.

Newman made an unusually good start to his match with Lindrum, and in spite of the set-back he experienced on the second afternoon, when he scored only two, while his opponent gathered in 2664, he has kept within striking distance throughout. He replied to Lindrum's huge break of 2053 with one of 1049, and at one period was only 450 behind.

When the Australian reached 2001 in his break, he announced that the session should cease, although there was still a quarter of an hour to go.

Lindrum said it was his ambition to make a 4000 break, and he thought it possible that, with a rest, he might accomplish it, but at the moment he was feeling the effects of an hour and three-quarters' constant strain. He only added 52 in the evening, however. The first week's play produced the fine aggregate of 25,511 points, Lindrum averaging 124 and Newman 111, and the standard of play has been fully maintained since.

SPORT AS A FORM OF PROPAGANDA.

MILITARISTIC AIMS OF RED FOOTBALL TEAMS.

MAY NOT TOUR BRITAIN.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons at questions time Mr. J. Clynes stated that the British Workers' Sports Federation, which was affiliated to the sporting organisation of the Communist International, applied for visas for the Soviet football team to tour Great Britain from April 18 to May 10. He refused the application in the absence of evidence that the tour would be genuinely sporting, because the resolution of the Young Communists International last December emphasised that "the Working Class Youth's Sport Unions must crystallise into the basic kernel for strike pickets, proletarian self-defence workers, fighting committees, Red guards, and people to work in Imperialist armies, whilst they should utilise sport organisation for military training."

HOCKEY.

The United Services Challenge Shield.

The United Services' Hockey Challenge Shield won by 31st Battery, R.A., when they defeated the R.A.F. Kai Tak, by three goals to one, will probably be presented to the winners to-morrow afternoon.

The Shield was instituted in 1916, when it was won by the Hong Kong Volunteers.

Winners for subsequent years are as follows:—

1917	No. 88 Company, R.G.A.
1918	No. 85 Company, R.G.A.
1919	Staff and Detachments.
1920	Staff and Detachments.
1921	2nd Bn. The King's Regiment.
1922	2nd Bn. The King's Regiment.
1923	H.K.S. Bde., R.A., and 2/4 Bombay Gunners.
1924	1st Bn. East Surrey Regiment.
1925	H.M.S. Hawkins.
1926	H.K.S. Bde., R.A., and 5/2nd Punjab Regiment.
1927	14th Submarine Flotilla.
1928	H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships.

Y.M.C.A. DRAW WITH RADIO CLUB.

Playing their last match of the season on their own ground yesterday afternoon, the Y.M.C.A. with ten men managed to draw with the Radio Club, sharing four goals.

An even game ensued and the exchanges were fast and furious.

The Indians opened the scoring through a delightful forward movement, but their success was short lived, as the persistency of Price led to his equalising with a very fine shot. The "Y" took the lead, through Ashton finding the net from an almost impossible angle. It was a great goal, the Indian goalkeeper believing he had his goal covered by both his legs and the post was astounded to see the ball at the back of the net. The Indians soon gained the equaliser, and this ended the scoring in a game that was two productive of that offence of lifting the stick above the shoulder.

On the run of the play the Indians deserved to win, their combination being really splendid, but their main trouble was that when in striking distance of the goal they committed the offence of "sticks" time and again. Ayteio, in the "Y" goal, played a good game as also did Rees at full back. Allen was the pick of the half backs and Price of the forwards.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Results of Contests in Mail Week.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Charterhouse won the annual four-handed boxing tournament between themselves, Beaumont College, Bradford College, and Wellington College, at Wellington, the final scores being Charterhouse 31, Wellington 25, Beaumont 24, and Bradford 19.

Under 6 st. 7 lb.—M. Montleith (Beaumont) beat C. T. A. James (Bradfield) on points; G. M. Nightingale (Wellington) beat G. C. Gilchrist (Charterhouse) on points. Final.—Montleith beat Nightingale on points.

Under 7 st.—H. C. Adams (Charterhouse) beat N. Taylor (Bradfield) on points; J. D. Garces (Beaumont) beat A. D. P. Yorke (Wellington) on points. Final.—Garces beat Adams on points.

Under 7 st. 7 lb.—D. J. Butchart (Wellington) beat P. H. Williams (Bradfield) on points; G. D. G. Phillips (Charterhouse) beat P. M. MacSherry (Beaumont) on points. Final.—Phillips beat Butchart on points.

Under 8 st.—G. L. Gryspeerd (Beaumont) beat C. M. de L. Byrd (Bradfield) on points; A. D. Norman (Charterhouse) beat J. Montgomery (Wellington) on points. Final.—Norman beat Gryspeerd on points.

Under 8 st. 7 lb.—T. A. Browne (Charterhouse) beat B. T. Porter (Bradfield) on points; G. H. Wyand (Wellington) beat D. Roden (Beaumont) on points. Final.—Browne beat Wyand on points.

Under 9 st.—J. O. Collis (Bradfield) beat D. J. R. Parker (Wellington) on points; D. Tuckwell (Charterhouse) beat M. Elsdell (Beaumont) on points. Final.—Tuckwell beat Collis in the third round.

Under 9 st. 7 lb.—F. H. M. Murdoch (Bradfield) beat G. A. Wolf (Beaumont) on points; D. F. Furlong (Wellington) beat C. A. Ball (Charterhouse) on points. Final.—Furlong beat Ball on points.

Under 10 st.—P. H. Reason (Bradfield) beat A. G. Hawkins (Charterhouse) on points; F. W. G. Weldon (Wellington) beat A. Wardall (Beaumont) on points. Final.—Weldon beat Reason on points.

Under 10 st. 7 lb.—W. J. Marshall (Bradfield) beat J. H. Burkinshaw (Wellington) on points; D. W. King (Charterhouse) beat S. Chubb (Beaumont) on points. Final.—King w.o.; Marshall scratched.

Under 11 st.—H. C. Hewett (Beaumont) beat W. Harris (Bradfield) on points; J. L. H. Robertson (Wellington) beat J. C. Blagden (Charterhouse) on points. Final.—Hewett beat Robertson in the second round.

Under 11 st. 7 lb.—G. H. Baines (Charterhouse) beat J. V. Crump (Bradfield) on points; J. G. Jenkins (Beaumont) beat A. M. M. Payne (Wellington) on points. Final.—Baines beat Jenkins in the second round.

LANCING BEAT WESTMINSTER.

Owing to illness at two of the schools, the four-handed match between Brighton, Lancing, Tonbridge, and Westminster had to be cancelled. Lancing, however, came up to Westminster, and defeated the home team by three bouts to two.

Heavyweight.—I. Ivanovic (Westminster) beat J. H. Davenport (Lancing) in the first round.

Welterweight.—J. G. Byrne (Westminster) beat R. H. Raphael (Lancing) in the third round.

Featherweight.—F. Rashleigh (Lancing) beat M. Broadhurst (Westminster) on points.

Bantamweight.—L. C. Hyde Parker (Lancing) beat R. F. Walker (Westminster) on points.

Paperweight.—R. P. Peters (Lancing) beat B. G. Nicholson (Westminster) on points.

RACKETS.

The draw for that most interesting Public School event, the Rackets Championship, which was to be played from April 14-17, was made at Queen's Club, West Kensington, where it was to be played, and resulted as follows:—

Haileybury a bye;
Harrow v. Cheltenham; Tonbridge v. Wellington; Radley v. Winchester; Eton v. Rugby; Clifton v. Charterhouse.

Marlborough and Malvern, byes; With the possible exception of Haileybury, none of the schools have shown particularly outstanding form, and so this year's championship looks very open.

Haileybury will be represented by E. N. Evans and R. W. Bullmore, who will be making their third appearance at Queen's. Last year they reached the final and were somewhat easily defeated by Winchester. Haileybury are among those schools whose name has never yet figured on the champion-

DON BRADMAN PLAYS FREELY.

236 RUNS IN ENGLISH DEBUT.

WOODFULL'S CENTURY.

London, Yesterday.
Continuing their innings at Worcester yesterday, the Australians took their score from 199 runs for 1 wicket to 492 for 8 wickets (declared). W. M. Woodfull and Don Bradman, the over-night not outs, both went on to score their first centuries of the tour on English soil.

It is a happy thought that Woodfull and Bradman, Australia's best batsmen, should open the tour in such convincing fashion. Although the county is not considered as the best opposition to a strong Australian XI, it is no less praiseworthy, however, to score a century after so limited practice on English wickets.

W. M. Woodfull's fine effort came to a close after he had scored 133 runs in three hours. In his century 11 fours were included. Don Bradman, the 22-year-old wonder, scored 236 against Worcester as his first score in England. This remarkable feat ranks as one of the most distinguished debuts of any Australian. This double century occupied four hours and thirty-five minutes. Amongst his best hits were included 28 fours and seven threes. The only chance he gave was when he had passed the double century mark and was at two hundred and fifteen.

The innings was declared closed at 492 for 8 after five and a half hours' batting. Brook was the most successful bowler with 4 wickets for 148 runs.

Worcester are hard pressed as they have to score 361 to avoid the innings defeat. They have at present lost four wickets for 108 runs.

The latest scores read:—
Worcester: 131 (Gibbons 31, C. V. Gilmitt 4-38, A. Fairfax 4-3).

Second innings: 103-4.
Australians: 492 for 8 dec. (Don Bradman 236, W. M. Woodfull 133, Brook 4-148).

—Reuter.

LOCAL CRICKET.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at 11 a.m. on Sunday on the Navy ground:—

E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), Capt. R. C. Strachey, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, K. H. Batger, J. A. Summers, G. P. Lammert, F. S. W. Smith, N. A. E. Mackay, D. R. Kelly, P. W. J. Planner.

CHESS.

A match has been arranged for this evening between the German Tennis Club and the Kowloon Chess Club. The latter have won three out of four matches already.

ship board. They have a splendid chance this year, for, apart from the great asset of experience of the difficult atmosphere which surrounds the Public Schools Rackets Championship, Evans and Bullmore have been showing most convincing form in their ordinary matches; and their recent defeat of the Oxford University pair, I. Akers-Douglas and K. A. Wagg, has inspired all Hailey

LAWN BOWLS IN NEW SEASON.

PROSPECTS FOR THE OPENING MATCHES.

LISTS OF PLAYERS.

[By "Short Head."]

Lawn bowlers in this Colony are fortunate in having a very limited close season, thanks to the suitability of the climate. Indeed, the premier bowling Club—the Kowloon Bowling Green Club—usually close down one day and open a new season on the following day, thus giving their members the "most-favoured-Club" treatment by being able to play all the year round. This, of course, is not always an advantage—certainly not so great an advantage as some would make out. Some players may be seen on the green practically every night, and by the time the League season opens they have a tendency to staleness which is not conducive to good team work.

League or Friendly?

It is a moot point whether League games are the most enjoyable form of lawn bowls. It is submitted, and not sometimes without reason, that a competition of this nature makes for over-seriousness and a procession up and down the green of "funereal dials" as if the destiny of a sheep station were at stake on every head. In informal matches, on the other hand, with not even silver spoons in the offing, the true sporting instincts and the free and easy tactics of the players can be drawn out much more fully. The best can be seen of the social side of the game, a side that is its greatest attraction for exponents of lawn bowls, as witness the always pleasant, and often exciting matches at Government House under the wing of the Hon. Mr. Wilfred T. Southern. However, as we do have a League, and as the matches therein are scheduled to begin to-morrow, let us all make the most of it and, in the spirit of a famous Scottish "soccer" player, "play till we drop" in the cause of our own particular Club.

Police Hopes.

Thanks to the sporting spirit of the winners of the Second Division last season—Taikoo Recreation Club—in not seeking promotion and two teams in the First Division—the Police Recreation Club, last year's wooden spoonists, will again be seen in the senior section this season. As happened to the Civil Service Cricket Club a couple of three seasons ago, the Police last year could do everything but win. Certainly their standard of bowls was no whit below that of some of their conquerors by very narrow margins. They have been out early at practice this season, and although it is inevitable, owing to Home leave and other reasons, that there should be changes in the personnel of their ranks, they ought to make a respectable showing if they have exercised their bad "joss."

They have as their opponents to-morrow the Club de Recreio at Happy Valley and, without really wishing the sporting Portuguese any harm, a win for the defenders of the peace would be welcomed by all lawn bowlers. Last year the Police lost this match by 71 shots to 44.

Two Kowloon Clubs.

Those near rivals, the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, meet on the ground of the former, who sprang a surprise last season by winning by 62 to 52 shots. The K.C.C. side on paper looks a trifle weaker in some places than last season, whilst the K.B.G.C. ought to field at least as good a team as last year. The result ought to be very close.

Kowloon Dock Recreation Club are at home to the Craigengower Cricket Club and, choice of ground may enable them to repeat last season's victory of 63 to 49 shots.

The Civil Service C.C. have as guests the Taikoo Recreation Club the latter winning last year by 66 to 50. I have seen both Clubs in action in friendlies this season, and I am not prepared to spot the winner to-morrow. Whichever side wins will have to go the whole way.

Second Division.

A bad practice has grown up of calling this the "junior" division when it is really nothing of the kind as it requires a mingling of experienced players to act as guides and counsellors to the newer but not necessarily young-

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Tennis—May 10—Tennis League commences—Division "A"—H.K.C.C. v. C.R.C.; S.C.A.A. v. I.R.C.; M.B.K. v. K.C.C.; Division "B"—C.R.C. v. N.C.; H.K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.; U.S.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.; E.Y.M.C.A. v. I.R.C.; K.C.C. v. C.C.C.; Division "C"—C.S.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; C.T.C. v. F.C.; K.C.C. v. C.R.C.; Club de Recreio v. I.R.C.; H.K.U.T.C. v. K.I.T.C.

May 12—K.C.C. tournament commences.

Chess—To-day—German Tennis Club v. Kowloon Chess Club.

Sports—To-day and To-morrow—Hong Kong Area Military Athletic Sports.

Army Athletic Ground, Soekumpoo.

To-morrow—Sacred Heart College Sports, Kowloon F.C. Ground.

To-morrow—St. Joseph's College Sports, Caroline Hill, noon.

Cricket—Sunday—Volunteers v. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Navy ground, 11 a.m.

Golf—To-morrow and Sunday—Captain's Cup, Fanling.

Rifle Shooting—To-morrow and Sunday—Interport practice, Taikoo Range, 2.30 p.m.

Racing—May 17—Extra Race Meeting.

Lawn Bowls—To-morrow—League commences—Division I.—K.D.R.C. v. C.C.C.; K.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.; Police R.C. v. Club de Recreio; C.S.C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.; Division II—Taikoo R.C. v. R.H.K.Y.C.; C.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Club de Recreio v. C.S.C.C.; K.B.G.C. v. H.K. Electric Co.

May 10—Entries for Open Singles Championship close.

Water Polo—May 10—Entries close for League, 6 p.m.

HOME

Rugby Football—To-morrow—Rugby League Cup, Final, Wembley.

Golf—May 6—British Professional Championship, Southport.

May 12—British Ladies' Open Championship, Formby.

May 16—Walker Cup—Great Britain v. America, St. George's Golf Club.

May 23—England v. Scotland, St. Andrew's.

May 26—Amateur Championship, St. Andrew's.

Racing—May 7—Two Thousand Guineas, Newmarket.

May 13—Chester Cup.

May 17—Jubilee Handicap, Kempton Park.

Cricket—May 17—M.C.C. v. Australians, Lord's.

May 31—June 2—Test Trial Match, England v. The Rest, Lord's.

The Yacht Club, for whom it is pleasing to note that the Hon. Mr. Southern will play, journey to Taikoo—I had almost written Waterloo—to-morrow and, unless something unforeseen happens, they might just about win. Last year they lost by 72-47.

The Craigengower C.C. have as visitors the K.C.C. and ought to repeat their last season's triumph by 73-48.

The Club de Recreio are hosts to the Civil Service C.C. The latter will have to shape better than a year ago when they just pulled the match out of the fire by the narrow margin of 55-51.

The K.B.G.C. have the choice of ground against the Hong Kong Electric Company, whom they beat a year ago by the big score of 74-47. Since then the "Electric" have come on, and they will endeavour to turn the tables to-morrow—unless they get "fused" by our friend "Attaboy."

To-morrow's Teams.

So far as can be learned the teams for to-morrow will be:

Division I.

K.C.C.—H. Overy, F. Goodwin, J. C. Lyle, J. Gibson (skip).

H. Gittins, W. Webb, A. Hyde Lay, J. Fraser (skip).

A. C. Burford, J. Howe, C. J. Taichi, A. E. Silstone (skip).

Reserve—L. E. Lammert, C.S.C.C.—Simmonds, Westlake, Holledge, Grimmett (skip).

Dobbie, Longbottom, Moss and Gregory (skip).

F. Jones, Alderman, Oswick, and Brawn (skip).

Reserves—Massey and Strange, Taikoo R.C.—J. Chalmers, T. Polson, J. Russell, and W. Wetherston (skip).

T. Grimes, J. B. Chapman, G. McLeod, and N. Drummond (skip).

J. Sloan (sen.), A. Stalker, J. Laing, and R. Wallace (skip).

Division II.

Taikoo R.C.—C. Summers, T. Stainton, W. Bell, R. K. Duncan (skip).

W. Cunningham, W. Brown, S. Amery, J. J. Whyte (skip).

J. Sloan (jun.), T. Swan, G. H. Stewart, D. Walmesley (skip).

K.C.C.—D. A. Purves, O. B. Raven, V. C. Labrum, J. M. Jack (skip).

W. Borrowman, C. G. Harrison, W. Goldenberg, B. Petheram (skip).

T. W. Carr, L. A. Jeeves, W. W. Hirst, L. G. Blackburn (skip).

Reserves—A. J. Kew, J. S. Dinnen and Capt. F. Maddox, R.A. Hong Kong Electric R.C.—S. J. Clarke, E. Thompson, D. S. Hill, W. H. B. Musket (skip).

W. Stoker, G. T. Padgett, F. F. Duckworth, and H. Hatch (skip).

A. Tarbuck, T. P. Sanderson, L. de Rome and A. F. Paul (skip).

Reserves: V. Sorby and H. S. Jones.

Civil Service C.C.—Holdman, Wood, Deakin, and Archibald (skip).

E. L. Holland, Davies, W. E. Hollands, and Maughan (skip).

Whant, Bickford, Murphy, and Taylor (skip).

Reserves—Whilmott and Luck.

\$20,000 ROMNEY.

Sold by Sir T. R. A. Morris for Death Duties.

Captain Sir T. R. Armine Morris, of Sketty Park, Swansea, to help to meet the death duties on the estate of his father, who died in 1927, has sold a Romney portrait of "Mrs. Morris and Child" to Colonel Carstairs, an American, for nearly \$20,000.

He said to a reporter: "I've got to pay these duties. In fact, I am selling eight more pictures, four by Sir Joshua Reynolds and four by Hoppner, next month. Only necessity compels me to part with these treasures."

The picture sold is believed to be that of the owner's great-grandmother with her son. Before her marriage she was a Miss Musgrave, a famous beauty of her time, who also sat for Reynolds. Sir T. R. Armine Morris owns about 3,000 acres. The gross value of his father's estate was \$207,383, with net personalty \$53,895.

Seven company directors, including well-known public men, were defendants in an action in the King's Bench Division concerning a concession in Bolivia.

K.C.C. CLUB HOUSE.

Proposal for \$60,000 Building.

LONG-DELAYED DECISION.

An extraordinary general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club is to be held in the Club house on Friday, May 9, when several important proposals will be discussed, including the building of a new Club house at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

The question has been under consideration for a number of years, but no definite decision has been arrived at. It was at one time thought that the Club would move over to King's Park, but in view of the present proposals, the possibility of having to remove from the present site seems remote.

It is understood that the building will be of one storey. The site will be on the plot of land between the cricket ground and the bowling green near Cox's Path.

Debtors' Issue.

To procure funds for the building of the Club house, it is the intention to raise a sum not exceeding \$35,000 by means of \$10 debentures bearing interest at six per cent. The Committee is asking for authority, in order to provide security for such a debenture issue and in order to limit the individual liability of members, to take the necessary steps to convert the Club into a limited liability company with an individual liability of \$50 per member.

At the same extraordinary general meeting, it is proposed to make amendments to the rules. The effect of the amendments (if carried) will be to increase the subscription for ordinary members from \$2 to \$3 per month, of sea-going members from \$1 to \$1.50 per month and of naval and military subscribers from \$2 to \$3 per month.

CHINESE DEMANDS.

Note to Australian Government.

DISLIKE FINGER PRINTS.

Sydney, Yesterday.

The Chinese Consul General has sent a Note to the Federal Government urging the discontinuance of the taking of finger-prints of un-prohibited Chinese. The practice was instituted in order to identify prohibited immigrants. The Note says the practice is embarrassing the Nationalist Government as it causes a popular demand for reciprocity.

It appeals also for limitation of the indiscriminate right of search of prohibited immigrants, which is not applied to other nationalities.

The Note suggests the pardoning of the few prohibited immigrants who may be hiding in Australia, and the institution of a rigid system of registration at the Consulate.

The Note also contends that the ban on the entry of wives leads to immorality, and suggests allowing young relatives to replace aged Chinese returning to China.

TRAIN HELD UP.

Big Haul in New South Wales.

Sydney, Yesterday.

Two bandits boarded the Muderey mail train at Emu Plains Station about eleven o'clock last night and threatened with revolvers the conductor and the armed man who was guarding a consignment of bullion. They leaped from the train on a steep grade with the bullion box containing \$25,000 in cash and \$13,000 in cheques. The train reached Glebebrook fifteen minutes later and a general alarm was sent out. To-day the police discovered the tracks of a motor-car in the bush near the hold-up and later two swagmen were arrested on vagrancy charges. The whole country is being searched but no clues have been discovered.—Reuter.

Have You Heard?

The road was up, and the navvies were sitting around eating their mid-day snack.

A jovial clergyman was passing by. "Good morning, men; good morning," he said, heartily. "Al fresco to-day?"

One of the navvies shook his head doubtfully.

"Who's ridin' 'im, guv'nor?" he asked.

A young fellow was walking along the street, looking very disconsolate, when he met a friend, who noticed his sad expression.

"Halloa, Bert!" exclaimed the friend, "anything gone wrong?"

"Yes," answered Bert, sadly. "My girl won't look at me, since I sent her a birthday present, and it cost me five pounds. I can't think why it is."

"What did you send her, Bert?" asked the friend.

"A beauty culture outfit," replied Bert.

Customer: I want to pay cash for this car.

Salesman: Yes, sir, but it's so unusual that I'm afraid you'll have to give us a reference or two.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—

Bank, wire 1/6
Bank, on demand 1/6 1/16
Bank, 30 days' sight
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/6 3/16

Credit, 4 months' sight 1/7
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/8

On Paris—
On demand 93 3/4
Credit, 4 months' sight 100 7/8

On Berlin—
On demand 36 1/2
Credit, 60 days' sight 38 1/4

On Bombay—
Wire 101
On demand 101

On Calcutta—
Wire 101
On demand 101

On Singapore—
On demand 64 3/4
On Manila—
On demand 78 3/4

On Shanghai—
On demand 78 3/4
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On demand 73 3/4

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Berlin 20.855
Stockholm 18.09
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Vienna 34.65
Prague 164 1/2
Helsingfors 193
Madrid 39.205

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Opening Daily Official Quotations 2nd May, 1930

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Norm.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1400	1400	5	Dec.	Final 24 Apr. 1929	Feb. 24, 30
Chartered Bank	171	171	1	Dec.	Final 17 Apr. 1929	Apr. — 30
Mercantile Bk., Asia	101	101	1	Dec.	Final 24 Apr. 1929	Apr. — 30
Bank of Asia	102	102	1	Dec.	Final 24 Apr. 1929	Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	880	880	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Pending
Union Ins.	460	460	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Pending
China Underwriters	11	11	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Pending
China Fire Ins.	355	355	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	May 24, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	900	900	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	May 24, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	32	32	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamships	26	26	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	June 10, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	43	43	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	June 10, 30
Shell Transports	30/4	30/4	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Jan. 6, 30
Union Waterboats	27 1/2	27 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	61	61	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Apr. — 30
Kailan Mining Ad. 1/2	50/3	50/3	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Dec. 17, 30
Langkat (Comb.) 1/2	19/60	19/60	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Dec. 17, 30
Shai Exploration 1/2	1.80	1.80	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Dec. 17, 30
Loans	5.40	5.40	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Dec. 17, 30
Rauba	22	22	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Dec. 17, 30
Tronoh Mines	21/1	21/1	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Dec. 17, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	160	160	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 13, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	38	38	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 13, 30
China Provident	51	51	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 13, 30
Hongkew	345	345	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 13, 30
N. Engineering	8 1/2	8 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 13, 30
Shanghai Docks	127	127	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 13, 30
Cotton Mill.						
Ewo Cottons	18 1/2	18 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 17, 30
Shai Cotton (old)	77	77	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 17, 30
Shai Cotton (new)	78	78	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 17, 30
Zong Sing	10	10	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 17, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels	12.00	12.00	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Apr. 7, 30
H. K. Lands	7 1/2	7 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Apr. 7, 30
Shanghai Lands	247 1/2	247 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Apr. 7, 30
Humphreys	142	142	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Apr. 7, 30
H. K. Realities	9 1/2	9 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Apr. 7, 30
Chinese Estates	98	98	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Apr. 7, 30
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	20 1/2	20 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 18, 30
Peak Tram (old)	5 1/2	5 1/2	1	Dec.	Final 27 Apr. 1929	Mar. 18,

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VICTORIA VOTES WET

Prohibition Poll Which Binds Whole State.

Melbourne, March 30.
Victoria is at present in the throes of a State poll on the question of Prohibition.
The figures hitherto indicate that the "wets" will win.
For the first time in history the result of the poll will bind the whole State, not individual parts.
The poll taken in 1920 provided for local option and resulted in two districts going dry.
This year, an intensive campaign was conducted by the "wets" and "drys".
It is estimated that the former have spent £140,000 and the "drys" £40,000, while the poll will cost the Government £25,000.
Later: The final figures of the Victorian Prohibition poll are:—

"Wets" 502,775
"Drys" 384,328

The 60 per cent. majority required to abolish licences was not obtained in any voting district.

THINGS WHICH ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM.

Kid gloves are made of lamb skin.
Turkish baths are unknown in Turkey.
Irish stew does not exist in Ireland.
Catgut for violin strings is really sheepgut.
Egyptian cigarettes are largely made from Turkish tobacco.
Brussels carpets do not come from Brussels.
There is no wax in ceiling wax.
But what's the difference?

A Y.M.C.A. Secretary Gives Thank To Baby's Own Tablets.

Tells How They Have Kept His
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Plump, Happy and Well.

Mr. T. L. Chang, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Chungking, Szechuen, who recently returned to China from a lecturing tour round the world in the interests of his work, writes:—

"My second daughter, Chang Ko-hwa, sometimes suffered from colds, fever, or disordered stomach. Whenever she was taken with such ailments I administered Baby's Own Tablets and they never failed to bring about the desired results. I have kept Ko-hwa happy, well and plump with Baby's Own Tablets, and I wish all parents would keep handy this useful medicine for children."

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SERVANT GIRLS.

Complaint of Unfeeling Employers.

DOMESTIC HOURS.

Some plain speaking about the conditions of their employment was heard at a conference of young working girls organised by the National Council of Girls' Clubs at its opening at St. Hugh's College, Oxford.

Employers who were in the habit of dismissing girls when they reached the age of 16 and had to be insured were severely censured, as were also those employers who victimised girls for bringing complaints to the notice of factory inspectors. About 160 girls, the majority between the ages of 17 and 25, representing about 4,000 affiliated working girls' clubs, attended the conference.

Miss R. Godfrey, of Shorelitch, speaking of the rights of domestic servants, said: "There do not seem to be any laws stating the number of hours the domestic servant should work. It is largely due to the shortage of maids, that conditions of domestic service are better than formerly, but if all girls now looking for jobs were to make a dash for domestic service, then half the privileges now granted would go to the winds."

Maids' Free Time.

Miss Godfrey suggested that there should be a law enforcing that Sunday should be a sacred day for the domestic servant just as it was for all other workers. In addition to Sunday, domestic servants should be given half a day a week off and every evening. "When we get these conditions of service I would take a floor-mopping job myself, but not before," she added.

Miss Dorothy Elliott, of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, said that it was true that there was practically nothing that could regulate domestic service at the present time, but there was no reason why it should not be regulated by law as other industries were.

"The tragedy in industry to-day," she said, "is that youth to the employers means girls of 14 to 16 years, and you are beginning to be too old even at 16. At 35 you are undoubtedly too old, and if you are thrown out of work at this age, and you have no exceptional or special experience, you are going to find it extraordinarily difficult to get back into any occupation. This raises the question of training for alternative occupation and that is where domestic service comes in. Therefore we should push forward all the new labour-saving devices in the home and get domestic service properly organised."

The Modern Girl Defended.

At the session the modern girl was defended. Miss Josephine Duckworth, secretary of the Liverpool Union of Girls' Clubs, said: "I am tired of hearing these endless criticisms of the modern girl. The girl of to-day as seen in our clubs has a sense of responsibility of which any section of the community could be proud. When you get to know her as we know her at the clubs you see that she has a very much greater sense of responsibility and a desire for service than her Victorian predecessor."

"What is merely a happy and jolly outlook on life is too often interpreted by those eager to criticise the modern girl as frivolity. She takes the same and healthy interest in politics, but she is not much time for partisanship. Our clubs serve by teaching members how to share the best things in life. They prepare our girls for citizenship. They teach the community better ideals for leisure, an appreciation of beautiful music as distinct from imported jazz stuff, an appreciation of good drama as distinct from certain products of Hollywood, and an appreciation of good literature as opposed to the penny novelette. This type of girl readily responds to the call for Sunday school teachers and to any opportunity for social services put before her."

Making up for the Day's Monotony.

Miss Quint, of Manchester, said the activities of the club of the future must include more travel, more culture, more sports, and a higher and better understanding of life in general. "The housing problem is not likely to be solved for some time, and the standard of living is going up. Therefore the clubs must bridge the gap by providing social outlet and scope. Dances and dramatic art are known as unfailing sources of attraction to our girls."

"The girl of to-day has to do all her living in her leisure time because her work is so exacting. Therefore she seeks one crowded hour of glorious life to make up for the age-long day at the factory or shop. Clubs are beginning to realise that this is the reason why so many girls seek excitement in the form of pictures, dances, and the streets, etc., and they must cater for it increasingly."

Lady Eleanor Keane, chairman of the National Council, said they must not be content in their club movement till they found out what it was that girls of to-day wanted, and had given it to them. Lady Eleanor mentioned that an appeal for £100,000 was going to be launched, and that at a mass meeting at the Albert Hall, next June—the Duchess of York, their president, would receive purses.

Fox hunting and similar forms of sport were condemned at the final session of the conference. Miss Dorothy Elliott, of Bristol, said, "The young women of Britain did a great deal towards putting this Government into office, and Mr. MacDonald has acknowledged that they did. Let us therefore tell the Government that we hold all forms of animal sport in abhorrence, and if it is necessary to do away with wild animals, it should be done in as humane a manner as possible."

Mr. Grover Whalen, New York police commissioner, recalls that when the Prince of Wales was in the City he spent half an hour at the top of the Woolworth Building in a reverie.

ENEMIES OF MAN.

Empire Battle Against Flies.

In an old minor house in a pleasant little village at the foot of the Chiltern Hills scientists have converted what were once drawing, dining or bed rooms into nurseries, in which they are rearing millions of offspring of various insects which are among the greatest unconquered enemies of man.

Bearing in mind that "Big flies have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em—Little fleas have lesser and so ad infinitum," they have attacked the problem from this standpoint. Just now, things are somewhat dull at this "parasite zoo," and a peep into any one of the tiny nurseries reveals no blood-thirsty cannibal doings of insect-eating insect. To the casual observer there is nothing to be seen, but there are millions of eggs concealed on twigs, bits of cardboard or leaves, just waiting for the breath of spring to give them life.

Alysia, in her perfect and final form, is a slender little wasp-like insect, living daintily upon a nature-cure diet of honey water and raisins, but her progeny have no such leanings and must have live meat for their sustenance.

Alysia's Lance.

The Lady Alysia, therefore, elects the maggot of the blow fly, a creature considerably larger than herself, for the future home of her children. She finds it no easy task to administer her anaesthetic by means of her lance-like ovipositor to the wriggling future nursery, but having finally reduced it to inaction she deposits her egg in its body, which, on recovering its power of movement, resumes its normal life until such time as the egg hatches out and begins to feed, gradually eating up what would otherwise have developed into a blow fly.

This little dragon-slaying St. George repeats this operation some 200 times, after which, worn out with well-doing, she sheathes her lance and quietly dies.

In the egg form, in the bodies of her host, little Alysia has been shipped in her millions from the nurseries to Australia and Canada to wage combat with the blow fly, responsible for millions of pounds worth of damage to sheep every year. Unfortunately, she, in turn, is attacked in her larval stage by a parasite whose operations are precisely similar to her own.

The Raisin Ration.

Many kinds of these insects are being reared in the nurseries. "Blastothrix" is another wasp-like lady, two or three thousand of whom were sent out last year in sealed test tubes, each being provided with a raisin for the journey. They have proved a great success in British Columbia, where they attack the Lecanium scale, which does enormous damage to trees.

Last year at Chashunt Experimental Station a parasite was discovered of the greenhouse white-fly, which causes great damage among tomato and other glass house crops. Stocks were reared and sent to the "parasite zoo," which could not rear them fast enough for the demand which came from all over England.

Dr. W. R. Thompson, a Canadian scientist, is in charge of the work, which is run by the Imperial Bureau of Entomology, but financed by the Empire Marketing Board.—Morning Post.

STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise and Sunset In Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for May (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
May 1	5.51	6.50
2	5.50	6.51
3	5.50	6.51
4	5.49	6.52
5	5.48	6.52
6	5.48	6.52
7	5.47	6.53
8	5.47	6.53
9	5.46	6.54
10	5.46	6.54
11	5.45	6.54
12	5.45	6.54
13	5.44	6.55
14	5.44	6.55
15	5.43	6.55
16	5.43	6.55
17	5.42	6.56
18	5.42	6.57
19	5.42	6.57
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.59
22	5.41	6.59
23	5.41	7.00
24	5.40	7.00
25	5.40	7.01
26	5.40	7.01
27	5.39	7.02
28	5.39	7.02
29	5.39	7.03
30	5.39	7.03
31	5.39	7.03

Ben Doran, the Aberdeen trawler, which was lying wrecked on a reef in the Shelland Islands, is reported to have broken up. It is feared that the crew of seven have been drowned.

FEWER BABIES.

Doctors and Lowest Birth Rate.

MODERN LIFE EFFECT.

Leading authorities, says the Daily Mail, expressed their alarm at the menace to the future of the country revealed by the quarterly return of the Registrar-General, Mr. S. P. Vivian, issued recently, which shows that in the last quarter of 1929 the birth rate in England and Wales was the lowest on record.

During the whole year only 644,218 babies were born (compared with 660,267 in the previous year), while there were 532,525 deaths, the increase in the population therefore being 111,693, instead of the average of about 223,000.

There has been a progressive decline in the birth rate since 1920, when 957,782 babies were born. A variety of reasons for these figures were given to a Daily Mail reporter.

Woman Doctor's View.

Dame Mary Schreiber, the gynaecologist, was emphatic in condemning present-day tendencies. She said: "The main cause is the uncertainty of economic conditions in the country, but people are much more selfish than they used to be and much more given to pleasure."

"The artificial excitement of the life women lead and the practice of artificial control put their nervous systems out of order. They put off having babies, and then when they want them they cannot have them. They become nervously unfit for child-bearing."

"It was in France where the birth rate first began to fall. Germany followed, and has now passed France. We are going the same way. The British Empire is like a man with a magnificent estate and with no one to work it. And yet even in the Dominions and Colonies, where they want men, they practise artificial control."

"We are not doing right by the Empire—we are not doing morally right, and, as a doctor, I say that we are not acting right medically."

Reaction to City Life.

Professor Leonard Hill, director of the Department of Applied Physiology, National Institute of Medical research, sees a grave menace in the decline of the birth rate among European nations while rates of Eastern countries are increasing. He said: "The falling birth rate might be the beginning of the end of the British Empire."

"It is a natural reaction in this country to the crowded cities. There are economic difficulties and men find it difficult to emigrate. The city life that we are leading here reduces fertility."

Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter, the eminent physician, declared that the Registrar-General's return does not reveal the greatest menace. He said: "It is the birth rate of the fit children that is falling, not that of the unfit. While unfit children continue to be born in large numbers the fit have to keep them, so that they cannot afford to have children of their own. Apart from the unfit there are thousands of border-line cases. These are not differentiated in the official returns of births. These returns of the falling birth rate are the greatest argument in favour of voluntary sterilisation."

There is one bright spot in the Registrar-General's returns. There were 312,982 marriages last year, the greatest number since 1921.

Mr. Henry Harrison, who has been a porter at Buckingham Palace for forty-five years, will retire on May 6, aged 70. He has been presented with autographed portraits of the King and Queen.

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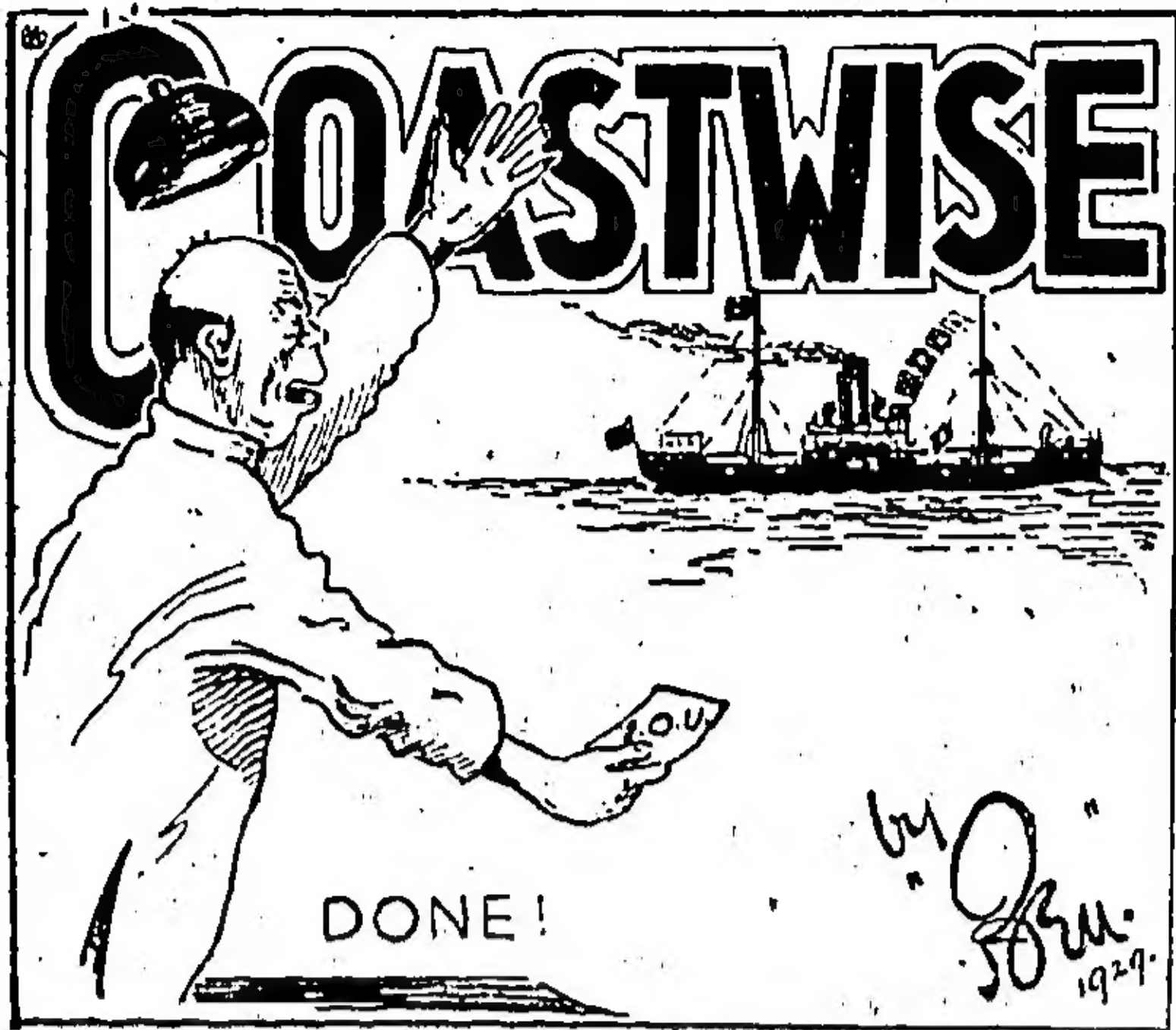
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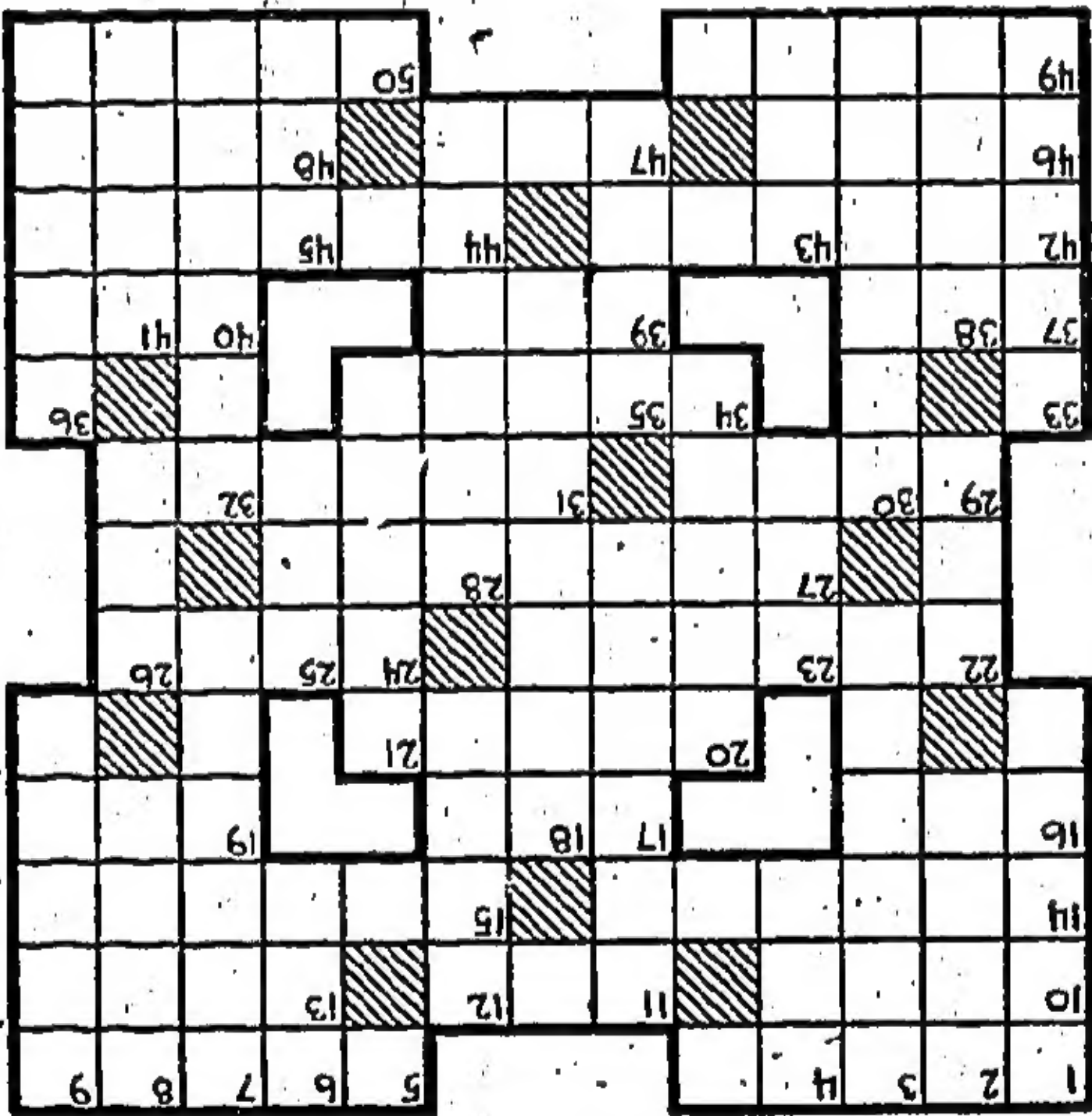
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-To mold
- 5-To slip by
- 10-Lacking color
- 11-Young dog
- 13-Local claim on property
- 14-Lake near Naples, Italy
- 15-An emigrant (Fr.)
- 16-Corded fabric
- 17-An American Indian
- 18-A perfect work of art
- 20-To bring to a standstill
- 22-To force
- 24-German for a or an
- 27-Stops
- 29-A language of India
- 31-To provoke
- 34-Portals
- 37-A tool for making holes

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 39-A doctrine or system
- 40-Even if
- 42-Erected
- 44-Raked the spirits of
- 45-An American Indian
- 47-To terminate
- 48-Rabble
- 49-A fortified outpost in N. W. Prussia
- 50-To harass

VERTICAL

- 1-Lean
- 2-To possess
- 3-A commercial city of N. Syria
- 4-Through
- 5-A Mohammedan proper name
- 7-Long-handled dipper
- 8-Withered
- 9-Foe

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-A kind of pigeon
- 12-To strip off the rind of
- 13-Abilities
- 20-A sprout of a tree or plant
- 21-Latvians
- 22-A head covering
- 23-Frugal
- 25-An ending of nouns of agency
- 26-Before
- 28-Appeared
- 30-United
- 32-Traffic
- 33-Short comedy with exaggerated effects
- 35-An assitant
- 36-Alcoholic liquor
- 38-Moderately hot
- 41-German for Mr.
- 43-To comprehend
- 45-Interjection—triumph

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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ORE GREED AIM
SINE LAD ABLE
TERRIER SHELL
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RUSSIA AND CHINA.

Harbin, Yesterday.
Mo Teh-hui, who is China's chief delegate to the long-deferred Sino-Soviet C.M.R. conference, left Harbin for Moscow this morning, accompanied by a suite numbering twenty. —Reuter.

For the first time sound and television were broadcast together from the twin London transmitters of the B.B.C. Similar broadcasts are to be given regularly.

Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

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(By Dorothy Herzog.)

The enclosed letter arrived this morning. He, she or it who can read it and not grope for a chair gets a year's subscription gratis to the largest mailing house's catalogue. Breathe deeply and race:

Dear Dorothy: That Hammerstein family will never be straightened out in the minds of—well, of anybody that's interested. Further complication has arisen with Oscar's new wife (married four months). She is a Dorothy, and you know that Arthur's wife is Dorothy Dalton. Incidentally, Mrs. Oscar is always being taken for Joan Crawford. She used to be Dorothy Blanchard, Australian beauty of stage and screen in Britain. Now content to be just Missus Oscar.

The Hammerstein line-up is something like this:
Oscar Hammerstein, I (deceased), built three opera houses in New York.

Arthur Hammerstein, his son stage producer, now in the talkies, William Hammerstein, another son (deceased), former vodvil magnate and father of Oscar, II.

Elaine Hammerstein, daughter of Arthur, former screen star. Oscar Hammerstein, II, librettist and lyric writer, son of William, now writing musical plays for Warners.

Reginald Hammerstein brother of Oscar, now associated with Uncle Arthur at United Artists.

Dorothy Dalton Hammerstein, wife of Arthur. (Also content.) Dorothy Blanchard Hammerstein, wife of Oscar 2d. The Oscar 2d. have begat the new little Hammersteins. Now, you know, there's no sense to people begat-ing themselves into crossword puzzles.

Apropos of Robert Milton, years ago he and Doug Fairbanks were room-mates. This was before Doug or Bob reached stellar heights. In those days, they dreamed happy dreams of success and lived frugally on a small sum a week. Then they went their separate ways, each vowing they'd never look up the other until their names were in electric lights. They kept the vow.

Came an afternoon when Bob was swinging along the White Way. A yell, and Doug bounded toward him.

"I told you it would happen, Bob. I told you."

And he piloted Milton to a theatre near by. Fairbanks' name stood out in lights.

"You come with me," chuckled Bob, "and I'll show you something."

Doug did. Another theatre. Electric lights—Robert Milton. Excelsior. Likewise, happy days.

DOUGLAS JUNIOR.

It happened in a theatre lobby. Between acts. Doug Fairbanks, Jun., pulled a cigarette lighter from his pocket. Before he could light it and his cigarette, a young chap dashed up to him with.

"I bet you \$5 it won't light!"

The man was a stranger to him but Doug took his bet. And won. The loser handed him the five dollars, which Doug didn't want to take.

"Why" curiously, "did you think my lighter wouldn't work?"

"None do, as a rule."

Doug still refused to take the five.

"Go ahead. Take it. I make my living at this sort of thing."

"How's that?"

"I bet anybody I see with a lighter that it won't work. Five dollars is my smallest bet. I win on an average of 85 bets out of a hundred. I can afford to lose the other fifteen!"

Whereupon Doug pocketed the five dollar bill.

OUT OF HOSPITAL.

George Bancroft has come out of the hospital. A little 11-year old chap, named Billy Butts, was the unintentional cause of Bancroft's hospital sojourn.

George had a scene in Paramount's revue that "pointed up" his much exploited he-man toughness. The idea was this. Billy Butts swaggared out before the camera and engaged George in conversation. He gave him a shin kick. George merely smiled.

Whereupon Billy, still talking swung back a small fist and let go a telegraphic smash to George's face. The blow missed proper timing and instead of whiffing harmlessly past the star's nose landed smack on his eye. A nerve must have been hit, for George slumped to the floor—cold. He was taken to the hospital and remained there for four days. He remained until the puffed eye returned to normalcy.

"NOTHING TO SAY."

The other day a paper man ran a yarn wherein Maxine Glass, attractive 21-year-old University of Southern California co-ed, admitted that the diamond ring adorning the fourth finger of her left hand was a Christmas present from Richard Dix. But she would not say whether it was an engagement or just a ring. Richard dodged telephone calls the day after this story appeared. "Richard has been sleuthed to illuminate engagement rumours are this. When cornered he just looks a little surprised and confesses: "I have nothing to say."

Richard is preparing to begin work on his next talkie, "I Love You," from a play by William Lebaron. Curiously enough, years ago Dix was in the Broadway run of this play. He went into pictures when it closed and a year or two later signed a Famous Players' contract. He reckoned as how he would continue the parts he had portrayed in "The Christian," "The Ten Commandments," etc., but it so chanced that at the same time he joined Famous Lebaron also joined.

Lebaron was put in charge of the Dix unit and it was he who determined that Richard should enact "typical" American roles of breeze, romance and a little plot in preference to his more sterner endeavours.

Quite appropriate, then, that after a time Dix goes to work in a screen version of "I Love You," with Lebaron piloting the flicker ship. Mel Brown will direct. No leading woman has been selected, but this bureau picked up a yarn that Barbara Kent (who heroined for Harold Lloyd in "Welcome, Dancer.") will repeat for Dix.

THREE AMBITIONS.

Corinne Griffith cherishes three ambitions, to wit:

1. A chateau in France.
2. To play Empress Josephine in an all-colour picture.
3. To win one game of tennis from her husband, Walter Morosco.

FORGOTTEN FACES.

Stars Who Have Passed Away.

(By Iris Barry.)

Ageing folk have always said that one of the bitterest griefs which come with ripper years is the loss of friends.

To those of us who have been filmgoers since childhood that grief comes sooner. With the passing of Mabel Normand we suddenly look back and see already how long a list of it is of friends we have lost.

There was something of the essential spirit of films in Mabel Normand. She came to fame at the time when the cinema, from its earliest peepshow days, had suddenly thrust its overwhelming growth on the notice of the world at large. Eminent people like Sarah Bernhardt and Herbert Tree had lent themselves to an entertainment at first wholly undistinguished. The discovery had been made that people would go to see a film lasting an hour, which not so long before had been thought impossible.

Those of us who are now very adult had dragged here a parent, there an aunt, to join with us in our childish yelps and squeals of joy at the antics of quaint figures that spottily passed across the small screens of those days.

Grudgingly it was being conceded that in films, as in pantomimes and the circus, there was something that could please sensible grown-ups as well as the youngsters.

Those were the days! There is already little use to speak of John Bunny, a name only to millions of filmgoers, or even of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew. Such of their pictures as can occasionally be rescued from film junk stores do not seem funny; their names will be forgotten soon; the laughter they evoked has died away for ever.

Francesca Bertini—how she could roll her eyes, what magnificent patterns they used to have on wallpaper in screen homes then—and Florence Lawrence, even the more recent Eddy Polo, Pearl White, and Sessue Hayakawa are almost unknown to the new generation.

But from the Mack Sennett studios (which someday may be remembered even as the comedies del arte is) there sprang a series

of comedies which is still memorable. "The Fatal Mallet," one of them, was revived recently, and revealed a saucy girl in a long towered voile gown, ardently wooed by a nimble little man with a bowler and a moustache.

Several other gentlemen, badly made up and with more or less whisker, all very agreeably hid in turns behind a barn door and hit each other somewhat violently on the head.

The two outstanding figures were "Mabel" and "Charlie," or Mr. Chaplin and Miss Normand. They were both earning handsome salaries for those days, both had an inventive turn for pure film humour, both were irrespressible, temperamental, with something of the surprisingness and pathos of all real clowns. Children the world over adored them, and wise men saw here the real comic genius at work in a new medium.

Many of the favourites of succeeding years have faded almost out of mind. Several of the most brilliant, most adored, have died in tragic circumstances.

There was Wallace Reid, most deeply mourned of leading men, who fought a losing battle with the drug habit.

Max Linder, who in 1907 was the film's most famous artist, committed suicide. Their death was felt as a personal bereavement by the older generation of picture-goers, as Valentino's was to an even wider circle. The list of bereavements is a long one—Gladys Brockwell, Fred Thomson, Einar Hanson, Barbara La Marr, George Fawcett.

And the list of darkened stars is even longer.

We never see Edna Purviance nowadays, or Marguerite Clarke, and only rarely Maurice Costello, and so fickle is the cinema public that I do not think most people even remember them.

It was supposed that the films would bring a kind of immortality, yet in fact nothing seems farther from the case. Already only bits remain of even the great Chaplin's early pictures. Fashions in film-making change so rapidly that what seemed perfection in sentiment or humour ten years ago, seems crude and savourless to-day.

The film moves on, the world favourites are forgotten. And already those of us who are thirty can sit disconsolate talking over the old days and know that really young people of twenty or less will recognise our dotage and smile superior smiles at the senile babblings of old fools about meaningless names and forgotten faces.

But that they should forget Mabel seems monstrous; she came as Mary Pickford did from the old Biograph studios, and sprang with Chaplin into fame. They made film history, those three; they invented, combined, experimented... they made films what they are to-day—a perpetual delight, solace, experience, and distraction, with now and then a flash of genius. And Mabel Normand had more than her share of that.—Daily Mail.

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MODERN FASHIONS. Blamed for Cotton Trade Depression.

WORST NOW OVER.

London, Yesterday. Modern fashions were largely blamed for the loss of the English cotton trade in recent years, at a luncheon in London heralding the National cotton week, beginning on May 5, designed to stimulate the use of cotton in Great Britain. Members of the Cabinet party leaders and prominent commercial men were among those present. Mr. Holroyd, the chairman, mentioned that the sales of cotton in Britain were yards fewer than before the war, but he believed that Lancashire had now seen the worst.—Reuter.

VERANDAH JUMP.

Alleged Thief's Long Stay in Hospital.

Yesterday the China Mail reported a case in which a Chinese was taken to the Government Civil Hospital with a fractured thigh received when he jumped from the first floor verandah of a house in Main Street, Apichau, in order to escape arrest for theft of a suit of clothing.

This morning the case was mentioned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when Sub-Inspector Baker, in charge at Aberdeen, produced a medical certificate showing that the accused would probably have to remain in hospital for two months.

The Magistrate accordingly gave a week's formal remand, and directed the Inspector to produce a medical certificate to him once a month until such time as the accused was able to leave hospital. In the meantime he would be remanded in absentia from week to week.

NO LICENCE.

Driver Has His Bail Forfeited.

When a case was called before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, in which a Chinese was charged with driving a private motor car belonging to Mr. Wu Chi-hau, without a driver's licence, the defendant failed to appear.

Divisional Inspector Bloor, in charge of West Point, stated that the defendant was given bail of \$50 yesterday, and added that he understood that the motor car was being taken to Canton.

A European Sergeant, who arrested the defendant, said that he had made inquiries at the Traffic Office and found that the defendant formerly had a driver's licence, but it was cancelled three months ago.

His Worship ordered the bail of \$50 to be estreated.

IMPUDENCE OF AN ARCHBISHOP.

THREAT TO PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR BRITISH PEER.

MALTESE MUDDLE.

Malta, Yesterday. Constitutional relations between the Government and the Church were strained last year when the Premier, Lord Strickland, himself a Roman Catholic, refused to allow a Franciscan priest, who was British, to be transferred against his will to Sicily by order of the Superior of the community in Malta. The Government claimed that the transfer was ordered on political grounds. An Irishman, Monsignor Robinson, was appointed apostolic delegate to enquire into the difficulties last April, but no solution was reached.

It is significant that the Archbishop's order follows a visit to Rome, whither the Archbishop of Malta flew in a British seaplane in April. The Parliamentary elections are being held at the end of May.—Reuter.

Earlier Cable

Malta, Yesterday. An amazing situation has been created by the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church towards the general election campaign here. The Archbishop and parish priest have announced that by order of the Archbishop to all the churches in Malta, whoever votes for the Prime Minister, Lord Strickland, or any of his supporters (members of Constitutional party) commits a mortal sin.

The Bishop of Gozo recently similarly issued an edict forbidding Constitutionalists to approach Easter communion or receive absolution, forbidding citizens to attend Constitutional meetings, or race meetings organised on the occasion of the opening of the Constitutional Club.

The members of the Constitu-

CINEMA FIRE. Manager Gives Evidence on Own Behalf.

GATE NOT LOCKED?

London, Yesterday. Mr. Charles Dorward, giving evidence at the Edinburgh trial, said that he unlocked the gate before the matinee. Witnesses had previously testified that the children were pressing against the locked gate, which was eventually wrenched out by men outside.—Reuter.

[A long queue, mostly of women, waited in the rain for hours for the opening of the trial of Mr. Charles Dorward, Manager of the Glen Cinema, Paisley, charged at Edinburgh with culpable homicide in connection with the cinema disaster on December 31.

Lord Alness, (the Lord Justice Clerk) declared that the essence of the indictment was that it was Dorward's duty to keep the exits open, particularly as there were only two, and he had failed, as the iron trellis gate outside one exit was padlocked at the time of the disaster. "If the gate had not been locked the deaths of these children might have been avoided."]

tional party now demand the suspension of the elections.

There is great unrest at Gozo, where the police have been reinforced.

It is understood that the Government is making representations to the Pope.—Reuter.



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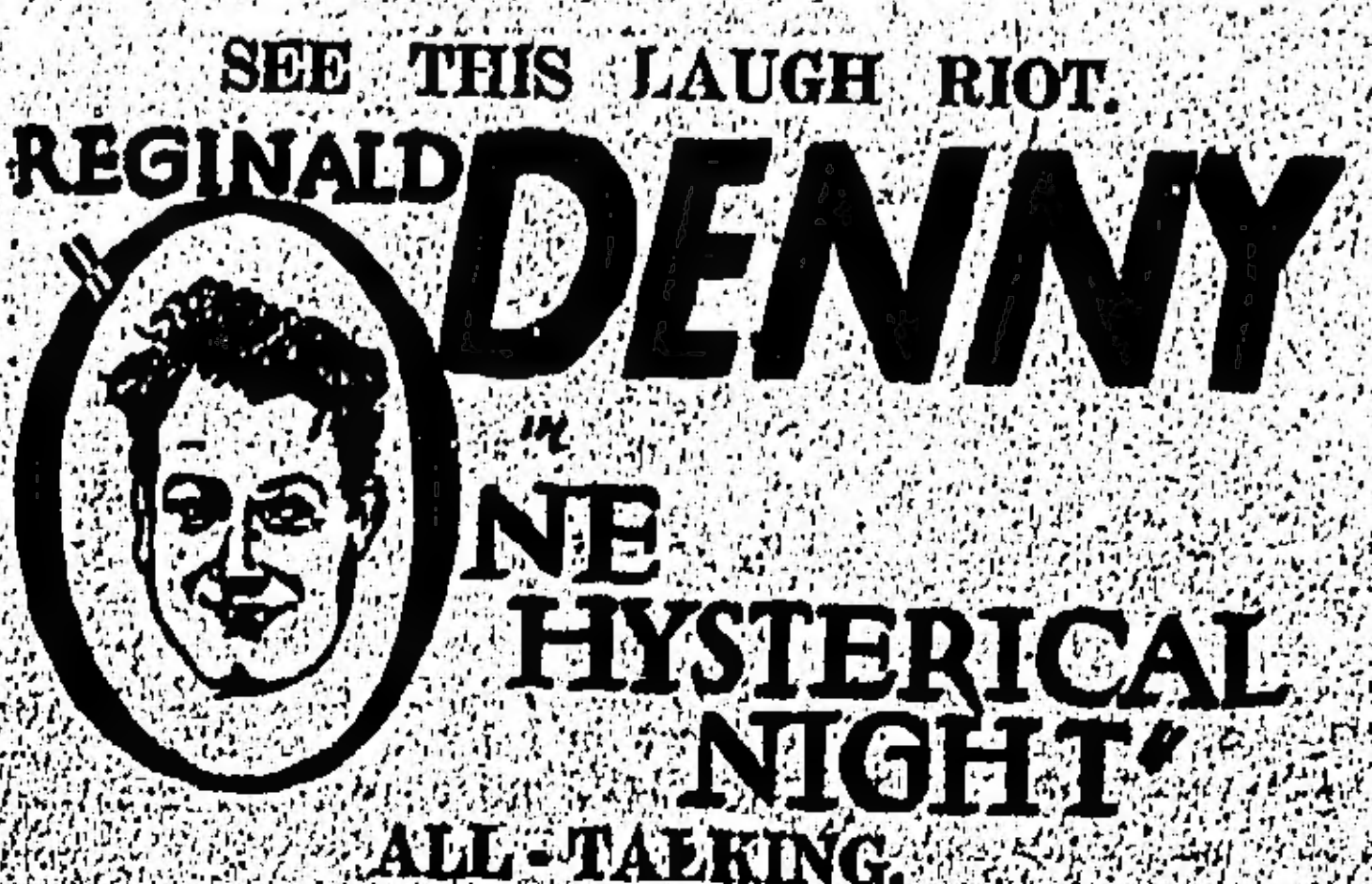
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